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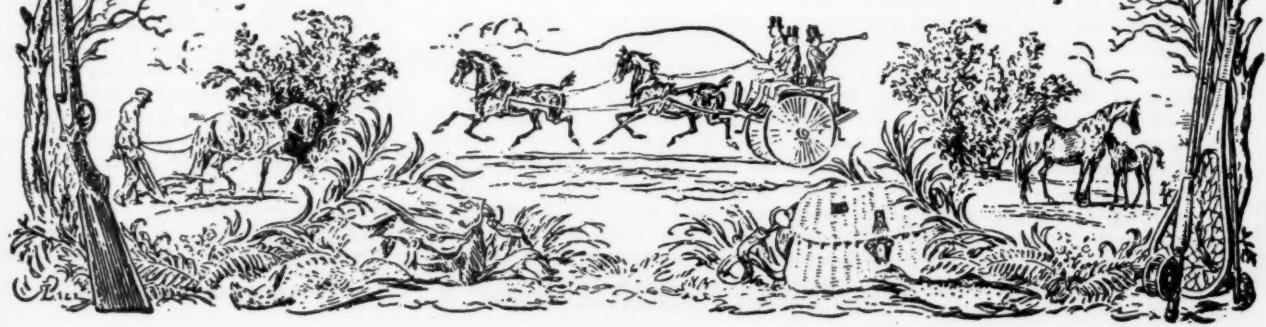
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HUNTING PACE EVENT—VERSION TWO IN PRACTICE

This column, in the issue of October 23rd, set forth the institution and development of the Hunter Pace Event during the past five years and announced a second version to be tested by members of the Blue Ridge Hunt where it originated. Although Version One, over a flagged course, has been most popular, bringing into competition dyed-in-the-wool foxhunters never seen in any other event, the purists have contended that pinning the pair with the time closest to the average is like winning a bingo game—lots of fun, but entirely a matter of chance. Others (mostly winners) have pointed out in reply that, although the five to six mile course takes from 20 to 25 minutes to gallop over, more than a third of the times recorded are usually within a minute of the average, indicating that hunting pace is a matter of good judgement, not just good luck.

Version Two, over an unflagged course, in addition to saving the time and labor involved in marking the route, was presented for the benefit of the purists, who were given a chance to display their knowledge of the country and their prowess in crossing it. It resembled an old fashioned point-to-point in that the two checkpoints of the triangular course were not announced to contestants until just before the start. These were described verbally and were also marked on an airplane photograph of the district obtained from the local Federal soil conservation office. By studying this photograph the assembled foxhunters were not only able to determine the shortest distance between check points, but could also identify the roads, streams, buildings, woods and fences. By remembering the locations of gates and panels in the fences they were looking at, the determination of the shortest line thus became relatively simple.

Not shown to contestants was another print of the photograph on which every jump was given a number and every gate a letter. It was originally announced that the Master would ride the shortest line at the conclusion of the event, but having meanwhile broken five ribs, he settled for writing down the route in a sequence which included 13 numbers (jumps) and 6 letters (gates). Because these gates were situated along the most direct line, thus slowing down the pace, contestants did not stop at the check points, but went right on. For the 5 1/4 mile course the average time was just over 31 minutes, about 30% more than was recorded for the

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previous flagged courses, all over jumps and optimum terrain. Undoubtedly this 31 minutes was closer to actual hunting pace—there are few runs of five miles or more when the field doesn't go through a couple of gates or stop to take down a top rail. One prize was given to the pair whose time was closest to the average, another prize to the pair whose line was the shortest.

If Version Two (the unflagged course) is used, three awards can be made which will satisfy the most exacting purists. Determine the shortest line as above; ascertain its exact length with a measuring wheel; have a couple of test riders gallop over it to get the time; divide the time into the distance so as to get the number of yards per minute at which the course should be ridden, and give this figure only in advance to the contestants, who can then display not only their knowledge of the country, but also their knowledge of pace as measured by the watch as well as by hounds. This is the purists procedure for hunting pace award, a procedure which, of course, can be used with either Version.

A second award should be given to the pair taking the shortest line, regardless of pace. And, if there are a few thrusters in the hunt who prefer racing, an award can be given for the fastest time, thus providing these riders with an old fashioned point-to-point. Version One requires more work from the organising committee, less work from the riders, while Version Two is just the opposite. After sizing up its organisers and its riders, each hunt can select the Version which suits.

Letters

Memo

To the MASTERS of the
RECOGNIZED and REGISTERED HUNTS:

The first Stud Book to be published by the Masters of Foxhounds Association was in 1909 - fifty years ago. Since then nine volumes of the Stud Book have been published. During the past fifty years the Association has never made any charges for registration of hounds in the Stud Book.

The only charge made was \$1.00 per 25 Certificate and Record of Pedigree blanks - which barely covered the cost of printing these forms but never paid for the postage to mail them out. The Stud book when published was sent free of charge to all hunts up until a few years back

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Winter Racing

Raleigh Burroughs

The tiny, pinch-faced lad looked longingly through the great plate windows, envying the merrymakers, who were enjoying the warmth and comfort inside.

Rain - cold winter rain, driven by a bitter north wind - lashed his body and chilled the boy to the bone. His scanty garb, soaked and icy, clung to a skinny frame.

Numbed by the winter blasts, the little fellow found his thoughts wandering. In his mind he saw the poor match girl, who warmed herself with her tapers until they burned out, and then followed a beckoning angel to paradise.

The boy looked around for an angel. There wasn't any; and he had no matches.

His teeth chattered and his starved body shook with cold; but he was a brave lad and there was work to be done.

Reluctantly, he tore himself away.

Few of those reveling in the tropical air behind the protecting glass noticed the drawn features and drenched clothes, for the horse-players in Pimlico's new, modern, heated race plant were too busy watching the tote board and making bets to worry about jockeys.

One or two wondered why this one kid had stopped his horse right in front of the stand and stared up at them for a few moments.

Well, to keep this agonizing tale from running on too long, this boy's horse finished eighth in a field of nine. The rider hurried to the jocks' room, took a hot shower and felt pretty good.

Then he went out and ate a big steak, to celebrate because the meeting was over, and to fortify himself because he had four mounts the next day at Charles Town.

Luxury is being comfortable when other people are not.

It can be snowing outside, but there is no winter to those sitting in a heated clubhouse - their stomachs full, and a bar not far away - picking one winner after another.

If this isn't one of the seven heavens of the Koran, Omar Khayyam (the one without the asterisk) would have been willing to accept it as the eighth.

mutuels windows, tempers may flare. There's nothing like too much heat to bring out the evil nature of a human being.

In a season when you just can't get too much heat, even when the heat's on, the pushing and hauling becomes a friendly game.

Winter racing at Pimlico was like one of those parties the Romanoffs used to give, in which the members of the aristocracy caroused in comfort, while the peasants stood outside in the snow and hoped they'd be thrown a bone or two.

Pimlico was kind even to the peasants (grandstand clients). These were permitted to penetrate the heat waves if they wanted to bet their money.

There is an axiom of racing which holds that all men are considered equal in front of the mutuels windows.

Winter racing in cold climes is now a part of the scheme of the sport. The things about it that the customers don't like dissolve away in all that nice, warm air the cold-weather tracks are serving up.

Now that the fans have shown that they will patronize the game if they can get there, it won't be too long before there is round-the-calendar racing everywhere.

The most surprising point about the game is that Florida racing stops when most of the tourists go north. As many tourists are taking their business to the Sunshine State when the sun is hottest it can be predicted that this oversight will be remedied before long.

Also, before long, the Maryland tracks will notice that there is no racing in New Jersey from December 15 to February 12, and that means almost two months of non-conflicting days.

A racetrack operator would swap one non-conflicting day for the rarest thing June has to offer.

Happily, for compulsive bettors, Charles Town bridges the gap at present.



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Racing Review

Easy Mark

Tropical Park

Twelve 3-year-olds and upwards answered starter George Wingfield's call for the 19th running of the City of Coral Gables Handicap, on Saturday, December 12th. It was a six furlongs jaunt with \$10,000 added.

Roman Colonel, owned by Silver Creek Farm led from start to finish and won easily by two and three-quarter lengths over Morsey Stable's Peeping Tom. Woolford Farm's Silver Ship finished third and B. A. Dario's Dandy Blitz wound up in the number four spot. The winner was timed at 1.08 2/5, a new track record. He was only two-fifths of a second off the world's record, set by Dumpty Humpty at Golden Gate Fields in 1957.

Roman Colonel is a bay colt by Ky. Colonel-Roman Grace, by Roman and was bred by Mr. and Mrs. E. Wortman, owners of Silver Creek Farm, who hail from Caseyville, Ill. T. W. Kelley trained the winner and L. C. Cook was in the irons. The net value of the purse was \$7,528.75. The victory gave Roman Colonel 11 wins out of 17 starts this year. He finished second on two other occasions and has won \$79,972 for 1959; he now has gleaned \$110,753 for his owners.

Pimlico

The main event at Pimlico on Saturday, December 12, was an overnight handicap restricted to 3-year-olds and upwards "foaled in Maryland". It was not a stakes race and will not enter the books as such, but it had a purse of \$10,000 added for the one and one-eight miles race. The race attracted 7 starters.

Mrs. Edith L. Price's homebred Yes You Will won in a driving finish over Flamingo Farm's Madok, who in turn finished 8 lengths in front of Knollwood Stable's Movitave. The fourth horse was W. T. Leatherbury's Eastern Hobo.

Yes You Will is a 3-year-old bay colt, by Rough 'n Tumble out of the Reaping Reward mare Yes She Will. His sire Rough 'n Tumble was recently syndicated in Florida. Yes You Will could have been purchased for several thousand dollars when he was campaigning at the minor

tracks in Maryland earlier in the year. To date this year he has started 14 times, won 8 times, finished second twice, third once and with the \$6,500 he picked up for this one has netted his owners \$34,147 for the year. As a 2-year-old he started seven times, won twice and finished second twice, for the total sum of \$2,400.

who traveled the one and one-sixteenth miles in 1.44 flat. The net value to the winner was \$13,350.

Demobilize is a chestnut gelded son of Intent out of the Bold Venture mare Last Salute, and most appropriately named. He was bred by C. A. Asbury and Sons. W. Harmatz rode the stakes winner and W. Molter trained him.

Bay Meadows

Kerr Stable's Demobilize defeated a field of nine 3-year-olds in the Silver Anniversary Handicap, at Bay Meadows, San Mateo, Calif., on Saturday, Dec. 5. It was worth \$20,000 added to Demobilize



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*Le Beau Prince's pedigree is one of the most interesting male lines of modern French breeding. His sire, Fontenay, was a top race horse. His grandsire, Tornado, has been for many years among the top sires in Europe and sired Tiepoletto, the best 2-year-old in France in 1958. This is a male line with the stamina for which French race horses are noted and the early speed necessary for success in America. This versatility of pedigree is evidenced in *Le Beau Prince's race record in this country, as he beat the top sprinters at 6 furlongs and the best of our handicap division at the Classic distances.

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Third Brother



Third Brother gave Bardstown one of his two defeats of 1957 when the son of *Princequillo—Hildene won the 1½-mile Camden Handicap by four lengths in 1:48½.

THIRD BROTHER turned back **Dedicate** in the **Bowie Handicap** at $1\frac{1}{8}$ miles, was first in the **Camden Handicap** at $1\frac{1}{8}$ miles with **Bardstown** and **Ricci Tavi** second and third, won the **Roamer Handicap** at $1\frac{3}{8}$ miles from **Reneged** and **Oh Johnny**, and was five lengths in front at the finish of the $1\frac{5}{8}$ -mile **Long Island Handicap**. All in all, Third Brother won \$310,787. The first brother was **Hill Prince**, the second brother was **Prince Hill** . . . Third Brother was also half-brother to **First Landing** and **Mangohick**.

*Third Brother, b., 1953, by *Princequillo—Hildene, by Bubbling Over*
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Horse Of The Year 1959 Polls

Thoroughbred Racing Assns'
1959 Champions

Selected by a vote of the Racing Secretaries
at TRA member tracks
(Poll started in 1950)

SWORD DANCER, American Champion
and Champion 3-year-old colt.

SILVER SPOON, Champion 3-Year-Old
Filly.

ANCESTOR, Steeplechase Champion.

WARFARE, Champion 2-Year-Old Colt.

MY DEAR GIRL, Champion 2-Year-Old
Filly.

TEMPTED, Champion Older Filly.

ROUND TABLE, Champion Older Horse.

Morning Telegraph
Daily Racing Form Annual Poll
36 Turf Writers Polled
(Poll started in 1942)

WARFARE, Best 2-Year-Old Colt or Gelding.

MY DEAR GIRL, Best 2-Year-Old Filly.
WARFARE, Best 2-Year-Old.

SWORD DANCER, Best 3-Year-Old Colt
or Gelding.

ROYAL NATIVE, Best 3-Year-Old Filly.
SWORD DANCER, Best 3-Year-Old.

SWORD DANCER, Best Handicap Horse.

TEMPTED, Best Handicap Filly or Mare.

INTENTIONALLY, Best Sprinter.

ROUND TABLE, Best Grass Horse.

ANCESTOR, Best Steeplechaser.

SWORD DANCER, Best Horse of the Year.

Turf and Sport Digest Annual Poll
Best of the Year

201 of the nation's leading sports writers
and commentators participated
(Poll started in 1936)

MY DEAR GIRL, Best 2-Year-Old Filly.
WARFARE, Best 2-Year-Old Colt or Gelding.

SWORD DANCER, Best 3-Year-Old.

THE CHRONICLE ROUND TABLE, Best 4-Year-Old and Up. SWORD DANCER, Best Horse of the Year.

Brookmeade Stable's **SWORD DANCER** dominated the 1959 polls in much the same manner that he displayed in vanquishing his opponents during the year. The three-year-old son of Sunglow-Highland Fling, by By Jimminy was unanimously chosen by the 25-man board, made up of racing secretaries at TRA tracks, as Champion 3-year-old of 1959. One lone desserter cast his vote for the gallant "millionaire", Round Table, as American Champion of 1959.

Mrs. Isabel Dodge Sloane's home-bred was the unanimous choice for Best Horse of the Year by the 36 Turf Writers of the Morning Telegraph and Daily Racing Form.

In the 24th Annual Poll of the Turf and Sport Digest, the daddy of the "Best Horse of the Year" polls Brookmeade's 3-year-old chestnut charger got 169 of



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SWORD DANCER, owned and bred by Brookmeade Stable, Upperville, Va., won the 1959 "Horse of the Year" honors by a wide margin. The Virginia-bred is a chestnut son of Sunglow, a Sun Again horse, out of Highland Fling, by By Jimminy, a *Pharamond II horse. (Bert and Richard Morgan Photo)

201 votes, with 18 going to Round Table, 11 to Hillsdale and one each to Bald Eagle, *Tomy Lee and Warfare.

Not very much doubt as to who is the "Best Horse of 1959" in America. M.R.

NEW TRA TRACKS

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Thoroughbred Racing Associations three in Ohio were approved for membership. The new members are the Cincinnati Turf Club, of which Froome Barbour is president; the Cranwood Racing Club, headed by F. A. Mastriana; and the Thistledown Racing Club, Edward J. Debartolo, president.

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DIVIDENDS

William S. Evans, general manager of the Breeders' Sales Company, has announced that patronage dividends for the fiscal year April 1, 1959-March 31, 1960 will be paid in December, 1960 to approximately three-hundred twenty-five consignors.

The non-profit company is authorized a commission equal to five per cent of the sale price of each Thoroughbred. Expenses and contractual agreements for the fiscal year 1958-59 resulted in an actual selling cost to the consignor of 4 1/2 per cent.

During the fiscal year, the sales organization conducted two horses of racing age sales, a summer and a fall yearling vendue, a breeding stock auction - all in Kentucky - and a mixed-lot sale in Illinois.

Consignors to any of these sales will receive a patronage dividend made on a pro rata basis. The total money received by a consignor for the horses he sold is compared percentage-wise to the total money received by the sales company and the consignor is paid a dividend in the same proportion.

Dividends were last paid consignors in 1956 as Mr. Evans explained "capital expenditures to improve our facilities at Keeneland prevented the dividend payment in 1957 and 1958."

BROOKMEADE'S 1960 TWO-YEAR-OLDS

Eleven coming two-year-olds were recently shipped from Mrs. Dodge Sloane's Brookmeade Farm, Upperville, Va., to trainer Elliott Burch at Hialeah, Florida. The six fillies are by Sailor, Vieux Manoir, *Alibai, More Sun and Hasty Road. There are also five colts by Helioscope, Sailor, Polynesian, and Sun Again.

N. Y. FINGER LAKES TRACK

The New York State Racing Commission has given approval to the plans of the Finger Lake Racing Association to build a one-mile track in the town of Farmington, near Canandaigua, New York, which is 17 miles southeast of Rochester and a quarter of a mile from Exit 44 of the New York Thruway. The grandstand-clubhouse structure, designed by Arthur Froehlich, will have seats for 4,000 with ample room for future expansion. There will be 41 barns with accommodations for approximately 840 horses and parking facilities for 3,000 cars. Cyrus P. Julian, former president of the old Aqueduct Racetrack, is president of the Finger Lakes Association. He has obtained as general manager, Luke H. O'Brien, who formerly held similar posts with the old Empire City Racing Association and with the Metropolitan Jockey Club which operated the Jamaica Racetrack.

FRENCH HURDLE MARES

On two successive Saturdays at Auteuil, France's leading steeplechase track, mares have beaten their competitors of the so-called stronger sex over hurdles. On the first Saturday, Illumineuse won the Prix La Haye Josselin, France's principal fall hurdle event. On the second Saturday, in the Grand Prix des Trois Ans, a big, rangy 3-year-old LaMoutarde beat the best of her age of both sexes over hurdles at two and three-eighths miles.

RING YEARLING IMPORTS

Three yearlings, recently purchased in France by Godolphin Darley for Gustave Ring of Washington, D. C., have been flown to this country and turned over to Stanley Greene in Miami. They had been previously broken at Chantilly by Jack Cunningham, Sr. The trio consists of O.K. Boy, a colt by Prince Bio, a half-brother to the stakes winner Sica Boy; Ringthebell, by Luminary, out of a half-sister to Never Say Die; and a Palestine filly named Lady Maryland.

N. Y. RACING REVENUE

Thoroughbred racing contributed over \$49,000,000 and harness racing over \$37,000,000 to the Treasury of the State of New York during 1959.

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MOVITAVE winning Barbara Fritchie Handicap

COLONEL MIKE

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COLONEL MIKE, himself a Stakes Winner of 8 races including the Shelvin Stakes and Lamplighter Handicap, brings to Virginia the great *Heliopolis male line and *Teddy on the distaff side.

To the end of Sept. 1959, 55% of COLONEL MIKE'S starters are winners, 47 starters, 26 winners of 83 races, including the stakes winners MOVITAVE (Barbara Fritchie, Pimlico Breeders' and Miss Maryland Stakes) and MICKEY BOY (Maryland Derby) and the stakes placed filly COLONEL'S QUEEN (second in 1958 Polly Drummond, giving the winner Imperial Hill 4 lbs.).

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RUN HORSES AFTERNOONS NOT MORNINGS

Vester R. "Tennessee" Wright, a leading trainer, believes in running his horses for money and not for the morning stop-watch. His training schedule between races calls for walking, ponying or galloping and finally a "blowout" or breezing work. His instructions to his jockeys are usually brief: "Go to the front and don't look back", or words to that effect. Whether or not this formula

is the "open sesame" to the winners' circle, it works for Wright. He was the country's leading trainer in 1956 and 1957 and, but for a month's vacation last fall for himself and his horses, he might have appeared at the top of the list in the TRA Record Book three years in a row.

Born 37 years ago on a farm at Gallatin, Tennessee, Wright is still a young man as trainers go. As a young man he set out to become a jockey. He gained more weight than fame as a race-rider, however, and for some years before entering the Air Force in 1942, he had been riding show horses and steeplechasers and

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breaking yearlings for the Tennessee horseman, Rogers Caldwell.

After a brief post-war apprenticeship as a plumber's helper, Tennessee Wright decided that the trade he wanted to pursue was with horses. He forthwith quit his job, drove to Churchill Downs and landed a job as a groom with Perne Grissom. He soon became stable foreman and one fine day his employer's brother, T. A. Grissom, and a friend, Edward Grosfield, formed the G. & G. Stable and looked around for a trainer. James L. Paddock, Louisville auto dealer, recommended Tennessee Wright and to back up the recommendation, turned his horses over to Wright. Today Wright owns a fourth interest in the G. & G. Stable and still trains for Paddock. He has 90 horses under his care, sell, giveaway or claim a few, and a monthly payroll of \$36,000 for 55 employees.

Since saddling his first winner in 1948, Tennessee Wright has visited the winners' circle over 1,200 times and horses trained by him have won over \$3,000,000. Wright claims a lot of horses and figures he has lost an equal number. However, in most cases when he loses a horse in a claiming race it is because he wants to. One of his best claims was Shoerullah (\$10,000) which won some \$80,000 for Wright.

JOCKEY CLUB JOCKEYS' SCHOOL

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Thoroughbred Racing Associations as a representative of The Jockey Club, Gerard S. Smith outlined a plan to be sponsored by The Jockey Club for a school for jockeys in the New York City area. Mr. Smith said: "We will train them from the ground up and, as an interested party, see to their welfare. Blackboard drill, stable operation, grooming, walking hots, riding exercise ponies, learning rules of racing, studying film patrol movies, first hand observation of the duties of stewards, placing judges and patrol judges will be a part of their education. Good advice will be given on contractual and other matters pertaining to their success, with emphasis put on the snare and delusion of the fast buck. Misfits, troublemakers and rule breakers will be promptly dropped.

"We will ask the cooperation of trainers to let these boys, when proven able, gallop and breeze horses. We know the masters of the saddle will take an interest in them, explain skills to them, and encourage them to persist. Granted, no assembly line can turn out neat rows of Arcaros or Shoemakers, yet these boys will have so much in their favor that some will surely be good, a few perhaps top, and all better citizens and of more use to the racetrack and the world after they leave us. We hope you 'advise and consent' in ironing out the countless problems, some not even foreseen, which any unexplored ground is bound to present."



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News from the STUDS



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VIRGINIA SYNDICATE BUYS MIDNIGHT SUN

Abram S. Hewitt of Long Branch, Boyce, Virginia has announced the purchase of the three-year-old French colt *Midnight Sun* by *Sunny Boy* out of *Polaire* by *Vulcan*. Mr. Hewitt, president of the Virginia Thoroughbred Association, is the head of a committee formed by Virginia breeders whose purpose is to provide top stallions for the state. Before running an impressive second to *Bald Eagle* in the recent Washington, D. C. International, *Midnight Sun* dead-heated for Europe's greatest race, The *Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe* at Longchamps (France) but was disqualified for bumping. Earlier in the year he won the semi-classic *Prix Lupin*, ran third in the French Derby and second in the *Prix Juigne*. During his three-year-old career, he beat the sensational *Dan Cupid* twice.

After being acclimatized, *Midnight Sun* will join the string of the Brookmeade

Stable trained by Elliott Burch. The full syndicate has not yet been determined, but it is certain to be composed of most of the leading Virginia breeders.

FLORIDA

ROUGH'N TUMBLE SYNDICATED

Plans for syndicating Ocala Stud Farm's *Rough'n Tumble* (*Free For All-Roused*, by **Bull Dog*), started on September 23rd, have been given additional impetus since his daughter, *My Dear Girl*, has been named champion 2-year-old filly of 1959. The members of the syndicate are the Barclay Stable of John McShain, Bieber-Jacobs Stable, Harold Genter, Ralph Wilson, Jr., George Cavanaugh, Jr., Paul Shawhan, William Veeneman, Frank Holbrook, J. Sargeant Reynolds, Meadowbrook Farms Inc., Bruce S. Campbell, George Cavanaugh, Sr., John Hampshire, one share each; Bonnie M. Heath, two shares, and Ocala Stud Farms Inc., 17 shares.

CALIFORNIA

FLEET NASRULLAH SOLD

The 4-year-old colt *Fleet Nasrullah* (**Nasrullah-Happy Go Fleet*, by *Count Fleet*), who equalled the track record at Santa Anita, has been sold by his breeder Mrs. John D. Hertz to Ellwood B. Johnston of California for a price said to be well in excess of \$100,000. He will remain in training through the Santa Anita Meeting and will be put to stud in the spring.

DUNCAN'S RANCH

In describing Roger Duncan's Sea Horse Ranch at Half Moon Bay, California, columnist Oscar Otis notes its practice of building up bad legged horses through work in salt water and on the beach, and also its somewhat unusual feeding program which includes a cooked mash laced with garlic and artichokes.

CHANGE OF SALES DATES

The executive committee of the Breeders' Sales Company recommended a change in the dates of the fall yearling sale for 1960 at the sales organization's board of directors meeting.

The committee proposed September 19 thru 23 as the 1960 dates for the autumn auction.

During the past two years the fall yearlings have been sold during the Keene-Continued on Page 10

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land race meeting.

William S. Evans, general manager of the company, reporting on the committee's action, stated "while the past two fall sales have been successful, the move is recommended in the interest of the buyers."

"With the sales coinciding for two weeks with the race meeting," Evans added, "buyers were forced into a too lengthy stay."

"Sufficient housing facilities were lacking when the auctions and races were held concurrently, with University of Kentucky home football games occasionally further complicating the hotel and motel situation," he said.

Evans continued, "with the sale in September instead of October, certain owners will have an additional month in which to ready their stock for winter racing."

The executive committee proposed that all other Kentucky sales remain on last year's schedule. Under such scheduling, the summer sale of yearlings would be held three days during the last week in July; the spring horses in training auction during the Keeneland April meet; the fall horses in training venue during the Keeneland October meeting; and the breeding stock sale during the week which follows the Keeneland fall program and precedes the Churchill Downs meet.

AIRMAN'S GUIDE

The filly which took home the honors as the best two-year-old girl of 1959 is the Florida-bred My Dear Girl which won enough of the big ones for her age and sex to make it apparent that she was the best. Only thing is though, I think she is not the best of her generation and sex.

There is a two-year-old filly which has only run six times and which has not amassed any great fortunes and has won only two stake races, both of them good ones. That filly is named Airman's Guide and I think she is the best two-year-old filly I have ever seen. She won the Debutante at Churchill Downs and the Marguerite at Pimlico for her only two stake wins. She ran a poor seventh in the Princess Pat at Arlington Park for some reason known best to herself. The rest of her races (three) she won. She runs on the front end and she runs big and strong. She can make a move whenever she is called upon and she can make more than one move in a race. And, of course, she wins. You cannot ask more than that. And when she wins, she runs all over her field. She doesn't stagger home and she doesn't have to run over tired ones. She cuts out her own pace and just overpowers her opposition.

Another thing about this filly, Airman's Guide is that she doesn't have to carry her track with her which is the sure sign of a good race horse. She won the Debutante

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at Churchill Downs which is hardly known as a deep track. The day she won it, I walked the track and it was only a little less hard than Fifth Avenue in New York. Then she won her other stake at Pimlico, the Marguerite. Pimlico this year is deeper than ever before. It is in beautiful condition with a cushion of better than 2 1/2 inches. I know because I walked that one too before Airman's Guide ran.

She is by One Count out of Navigating by Hard Tack. That is the sort of background that won't hurt her a bit if she is to go over a piece of ground. Her last two races as a two-year-old were at a mile and a sixteenth.

Everybody knows that one robin doesn't mean summer's here nor do six races make a champion. The ability to run does make a champion though and this filly can run. I hope she winters well. R. J. Clark

AIR SHIPMENT TO IRELAND

Recently shipped from Idlewild Airport to Ireland were Red God, the property of Harry Guggenheim's Cain Hoy Stable, who is to take up stud duties in the Emerald Isle. Accompanying him were two mares belonging to Mrs. Marie A. Moore of The Plains, Va., Mile. Lorette and Galavista. Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Nancy G. Lee of American Racing Publications, Inc., Middleburg, Va., flew up from Virginia and back the same day to superintend the loading.

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Blessing of the Horse

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The traditional Thanksgiving blessing became a part of another section of Harford County, Maryland this year. Traditional yes, but completely new to this East Coast region; for this solemn service constituted the blessing of the horse. (It is traditional that the fox hunter's coveted hounds have been blessed for centuries in Europe and the United States.)

Blessing the horse has now become an annual occasion in some parts of Europe. In September, the Horseman's Sunday Service celebrated its 12th anniversary for blessing the horse at Tattenham Corner on Epsom Downs. This year's number of English horses and ponies had increased from a few dozen when it was first begun in 1948 to 647 horses and ponies in 1959.

This year, the first annual blessing of the horse took place at Golden Vein Farms near Havre de Grace, Md. This was sponsored by the Havre de Grace Chapter of the Harford Horse and Pony Club.

On the crisp, clear day of Friday, November 27th, Rev. Paul E. Leatherbury of St. John's Episcopal Church in Havre de Grace, conducted the service. A number of spectators grouped behind Rev. Mr. Leatherbury as he performed the ten-minute service at an altar. On this altar were bowls of oats, barley, carrots, and sugar with hay and straw flanking its sides. A saddle and bridle complemented the front of the altar. It was there, on a knoll overlooking the Susquehanna River, that the nineteen horses (all mounted) were blessed.

Animal lovers, especially those who have witnessed blessing of the hounds, can realize the dignity and aesthetic feeling manifested by this blessing of the horse.

The service offered prayers for God's protection of man, for the President and the Nation, for world peace, and for horses and ponies. These last prayers are repeated here:

Hear our humble prayer, O God, for our friends the horses and ponies, Thy servants. We pray especially for all that are suffering in any way; for the overworked and underfed, the lost or hungry, for all the ill-treated, and

for those that must be put to death. We entreat for them Thy mercy and pity; for those who deal with them we ask a heart of compassion, gentle hands and kindly words. Make us all to be true friends to horses and ponies and so more worthy followers of our merciful Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Blessing of the Horses and Ponies

O Lord God, king of heaven and earth, Word of the Father, by whom all things were made and given unto us for our use; we entreat thee mercifully to behold us thy servants. As thou didst grant us thy help in our labours and necessities, so vouchsafe of thy loving kindness and mercy to bless, keep, and protect these horses and ponies with thy heavenly benediction. Grant also unto us thy servants both temporal aid and thy heavenly grace, that we may thankfully praise and glorify thy holy Name. Who with the same Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, world without end. Amen.

Immediately following the prayers, Mr. James C. Barnes presented each rider with a blue rosette commemorating the first annual blessing of horses in this section of the country.

On conclusion of the ceremony, the mounted group (headed by Mrs. Bonnie T. Watts) then began their 14th annual twenty-mile trail ride across Harford County farms.

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The meet on Thanksgiving was at Bayard Sharp's farm. It was a gray, chilly day, with the temperature just above freezing. A fox was soon viewed away from Bohemia Pond covert. Running through the Jones' farm and across Stage Coach Road, he was lost in Wilson's when scent failed after a 15-minute run. A second fox from Bodwitch's covert ran through the Bunker Hill property past the Kennels and crossed into Bohemia Pond covert. He turned left-handed through the Jones' farm into Robinson's and through Wilson's to Fox Park. From here he turned left into Argoes where he was marked to ground after a fast 4-minutes and a point of three miles. The 25th renewal of our Thanksgiving Hunt Breakfast followed.

The meet on December 5th from The Kennels was in sunshine and a temperature of nearly 60 degrees. Unfortunately, rabbit shooters were in Cherry Tree, which was drawn blank, but a stout fox was found in Saw Mill Woods. Running the entire length of this woods he made for the Evans' covert, but was turned on the Armstrong Road, swinging left-handed and running across Choptank Road through Sharp's. He completed a big circle to Saw Mill Woods. Out the far side he made for the Middletown Road and then circled back by Allaire du Pont's farm and crossed the Bunker Hill road into the Tibbet's. Keeping just clear of the Warwick Road he ran through Reeces' to Money's, where he turned right-handed and on to Cherry Tree where scent failed. This was a twisting run with a point of 3 1/2 miles, lasting just short of an hour. Another short run from Unrue's ended a very enjoyable day.

Following a favorable cubbing season, hunting has been very rewarding, with a sufficient number of foxes and fewer deer.

P.K.



Rev. Paul E. Leatherbury, of Havre de Grace, Md., blessing "the horse" of a section of Harford County. (Juna R. Swinney Photo)

Looking Through The Stable Door

With Fred Bontecou

(As Told By Billie Boon)

I have been asked by my colleagues to write a story of the late Senator F. H. Bontecou, being I have known him nearly 40 years.

I was his stable manager with the hunters for 33 years. I had found him the grandest person one could meet; honest, appreciative, and when he set his mind to do a thing he would do it first class, working hard to see it succeed. He was a great horseman in the ring, polo, point to point, racing, and later hunting.

Soon after the first W/W, he bought an estate at Port Chester, N. Y., consisting of an old hunter stable with 16 box stalls, a small indoor ring, two apartments overhead, and a tenant house. He bought two young horses from Canada who later were to be come famous. Bally McShane and Little Canada were later joined by Melrose, a mare he bought in the fall of 1922 in Millbrook who turned out quite an open jumper winning at Brooklyn Horse Show. The Jumpers Sweepstakes, Touch & Go Sweepstakes and The Timber Topper Special in 1923. She was sold soon after for a nice price. A horse called Guardsman went to Mr. J. J. Farrell and Plainsman to Mr. H. H. Flagler for his daughter who hunted him many seasons with the Millbrook Hunt. Bally McShane, his famous horse, was a qualified hunter in his first two years of showing. (Those days a qualified hunter had to be hunted 10 times with a recognized hunt). He won quite a number of blues in the Hunter Division. He excelled in the Handy Hunter and the 5 ft. class. Quite a few people have the impression that he was just an open jumper. At the end of 1923, after he had proven himself such an outstanding performer, the U.S. Army Olympic Team asked Mr. Bontecou to join the team and to go to England and the 1924 Olympic Games, held at Paris, France. Mr. Bontecou did this and I am sorry to say that the team didn't do so well. They had a lot to learn about the European style of horse show.

Bally McShane

Mr. Bontecou wasn't discouraged. He said "Billie, we will come back and show them "Bally" is King of the Jumpers". In 1926, I took Bally and Little Canada back to England. Upon arrival, we found, if we had another horse we could compete in the Prince of Wales Cup, a class for three horses. Mr. B. cabled to the States for another horse and rider. They sent him "Morgan", a fair open jumper, and his rider, Major George. He gave them a good schooling in the indoor ring at Holyport, England, foregoing the English hospitality and parties, as it was his intention to bring that Cup to America.

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well, mostly in the Hunter classes. In 1934 we brought "Bally" out of retirement and got him ready for Mr. Bontecou's daughter, "Sis", now Mrs. Reese Harris, to ride in a few shows. She won many blues at the local shows: Lakeville, Rhinebeck, Rombout, and at Jacobs Hills, R. I. The Old Champ hadn't forgotten his winning ways. Millbrook held their greatest parade Monday, May 31st, 1938, for the Firemen's Community Day. Mr. Bontecou was the Grand Marshall and he lead the parade on his old horse. He was well schooled for the occasion, he behaved like a true gentlemen and even kept time with the band. At the ripe old age of 27 he was put down on a hillside overlooking his home stable where many memories look up to him.

Polo

Going back to other interests, Mr. B. took up polo in 1921 and played for the Greenwich, Conn. Polo Club. Mr. Frank Adams, better known as the father of "Dooley Adams", the famous steeplechase jockey, was the stable manager. Again Mr. B. showed his zeal to do his very best, was always on the spot to see the equipment for mowing the playing fields was in top order. He was a two goal man



Lt. Fred Bontecou jumping "Bally" over a 5 foot gate.



The poster made from "Bally" jumping 5 foot gate in England.

and to improve his team's handicap he personally employed a professional polo player, a five goal man, Tick Allison. He also bought six polo ponies for which would allow his team to play in faster and better games. He played in Miami Beach, Aiken, Long Island, and Narragansett. He played with and against such good players as Hon. Gov. Averill Harriman, Laddie Sanford, Millburn, and Earl Hopping. When the U.S. Army Polo Team went to England in 1925, Mr. B. furnished the team with much equipment, as a gift.

Racing

At about the same time he was playing polo, he did a little point-to-point racing. He had a great little horse named Vice-Roy by "Martin Doyle", who won quite a few races. He was always anxious to see his little horse win a big race. In 1923, they organized a race at Round Hill, Greenwich, Conn. I am sure in saying it was the best point-to-point course laid out in this country. The public could see all the jumps from one spot. The jumps were stiff, even jumped over a big hedge into Mr. Moore's vegetable garden and out over another hedge where there was a church with its steeple, and over a very wide water jump. A crowd of 10,000 saw the race and it was a big social event for Greenwich. Sorry to say, a faction arose in the community and they never ran the race again. The race was named the Greenwich Cup and Mr. B's horse Vice-Roy won easy. He was also the first to win the Connecticut Cup with a horse called Flanders.

About 1928, he bought an Irish horse named "Kindred" from James Ryan who won at Essex and the Lady of Manor Cup at Monkton. He also had "No Esteem" and "Sun Bright Stick". With racing, in

1952, he raised "Russet Orange" by his own stallion, "Orange". He won a few races at the New York tracks. He also had "Bronze Cloud", Marso, Flighty Eyes, and Prince D'Holme. In 1951 he raised a very nice colt called "Dusty Drive" which won the yearling class and the grand champion in competition with two, three & four year olds at the Golden Bridge Colt Show. He also won \$45,000 on the race-track.

Millbrook Hunt

Millbrook has always had a great name for its fox hunting since Mr. Charles C. Marshall, 1907-1909, and Mr. Oakleigh Thorne, 1910-1924. Now I am speaking

on the 2nd phase of the Hunt Club. The hunting country was due to change to the north and to the east. Open land from Mabbottsville to Pine Plains, Shekomeko, Smithfield, Amenia, became available. New hunting people were coming in. The wonderful stables and kennels at Thorne-Dale were now in the wrong location. Mrs. Lawrence B. Smith, (Margaret Thorne), assumed the mastership from her father. She bought 8 couple of American fox hounds from Pennsylvania in 1927. We kept them in Mr. B's chicken house and well do I remember that winter when the hounds would break out and the

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boys would have to round them up - sometimes a blizzard blowing. Elias Chadwell was hired in 1928. The new stables and kennels were built off Route 44 between Mabbettsville and Lithgow.

The father of Mrs. J. W. Hanes, Mr. L. P. Yandell, gave the new Millbrook Hunt their first horse called "Tish". The following year, 1929 Dr. Howard D. Collins took over and was Master until 1931. At last, Mr. Fred Bontecou assumed his greatest ambition and became Master from 1932 until his death in 1959. Mr. William J. Knapp was Joint Master with Mr. B. in the beginning of his term and between the two gave Millbrook some of their greatest hunting days. The country was enlarged. The fence gang was carried by Clarence Howard, who did a magnificent job to please the farmers on whose land we galloped over. Mr. B. kept the stables well supplied with hunters.

Angus Cattle

Mr. Bontecou started Rally Farms with 365 acres in 1922 when he bought the Scoles farm. In 1929 he purchased his first Aberdeen Angus cattle, consisting of 20 heifers and one bull. Obed Potter came, as manager, in 1931, taking over the farm and cattle. Mr. Bontecou bought his first high priced bull in 1938, paying \$1475.00 for a ten month old calf, the top selling bull at the International Show Window Sale. By this time he was really getting interested in the cattle business. In 1943 he and his manager went to Maryland and paid \$9,100.00 for a cow and bull calf which was, at that time, the all time record. This calf grew to be top herd bull at Rally Farms. His first 8 heifers sold in the Dutchess County sale for a \$1600.00 average. Other great bulls were added until the herd grew big enough to have his own sale, which was held on Sept. 12, 1950. The farm had grown to over 3000 acres of land and 200 brood cows and 8 herd bulls. This herd was represented in all the shows and sales of the east and in many of the National

Shows. They have always been among the top. In 1949 the top female for more than 24 months was bred, shown, and sold by Rally Farms. In 1951 he had an 8 month old heifer that was reserved champion female at the Dutchess County Fair and went on to be the grand champion at the New York State Fair, being the youngest female ever to win this honor. She was sold in the Rally Farms sale one week later for \$12,500. One year later her half brother, as a 2 year old, sold for \$25,000, going to Mr. Oral Roberts of Oklahoma. To show the demand for his cattle the second sale of 50 females averaged \$2200. 00. The third sale in 1952 averaged \$2500. 00 on 50 females. By this time, the herd had increased to 250 brood cows and around 4000 acres of land.

To this day, everyone knows he did a wonderful job to entice new landowners to come to this locality. In his leisure moments before his last sickness he would get into his jeep and ride around the countryside to meet the farmers and possibly fill a few woodchuck holes. His desire was to give good sport and hunting. To really know him was to know his interests for both professional and amateur in their search for the ultimate high in good sportsmanship in the art of riding a horse.

Orange County Horse Trials

Thirty horses were on hand, Sunday, October 24th, at The Plains, Virginia, for the second running of the Orange County Horse Trials. Held on the same grounds as last year, the cross-country course was modified to eliminate the one or two troublesome obstacles of the previous year. Instead a number of new ones graced the 3-mile course for the Open Division. The standard was purposely kept low to attract as many of the local foxhunting fraternity as possible - which it did.

Both Novice and Open Divisions, the latter with 13 entries, rode the '58 Novice Test (class N), being judged by Mrs. Jan

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Sturrock of Monmouthshire, England and Mr. Michael Page of Braircliff Manor, N.Y., who recently won the individual gold medal at the Pan American 3-Day Event. Several horses in the Novice Division were quite unprepared for even this most elementary dressage test and it was left to the experienced large bay pony, Farnley Syrian not only to win the test in his division but the overall as well, taking home the Orange County Hunt Challenge Trophy for his owner-rider Tripp Harting. The latter along with Vesuvius (R. H. Norton), Baby Doll (R. Rector) and Tamer (Miss T. Hancock) had clear rounds and were without time penalties. Farnley Syrian was not seriously challenged, increasing his lead to 20 points over Miss Morgill (Clifford D. Little), Baby Doll coming third and Vesuvius, fourth. On the cross-country course, the Splash caused the largest number of refusals. On the whole, however, this course proved to be disproportionately easy in relation to the Stadium Jumping course. In negotiating the latter all Novice horses except one had time penalties and seven were eliminated after refusing out, being quite evidently over-faced.

It was in the Open Division that a pitched battle was anticipated for in it were a number of past trials' winners, including the leading 1959 trials' horse by points, Miss Lana duPont's Toy Ghost. In the dressage test performances varied widely with Hey-Wait (Mrs. H. S. Treviranus) easily coming out on top with only 42.5 penalty points - an accurate test with some brilliance. Ten points behind was Mr. Wister followed by Toy Ghost, both ridden by their owner, Miss L. duPont. Both are strong and impressive horses, but Mr. Wister bettered his stablemate by his smoothness. A local entry Rowdy (Miss A. Foster) appeared to be the only other horse in this company.

With the start of the cross-country phase, the leader, Hey-Wait, was withdrawn as was his stablemate, the regularly successful Hi-Hampton. Several modifications in course faced the Open horses, the most interesting being a sequence involving jumping off the high bank, over the brook onto a low island and up again onto the far bank and with barely two strides over a stout post and rail. Results proved that nevertheless the course was simple, only one horse being eliminated. Toy Ghost, not in his best form, was disappointing. Both he and Mr. Wister did not hang on to their earlier lead. It was the Palomino Small Change ridden by Dr. J. M. Rogers who virtually took the field by storm with a penalty free performance and a time-bonus of 37.5 points, rivalled only by his wife's Eye Spring. From here Small Change made light of a difficult Stadium Jumping course to win the Open Division by a decisive 30 - point margin. Col. B. de Nadaillac's well-known Logistics, ridden in his absence by Mrs. R. Norton, pulled himself up to 2nd place,

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following a mediocre dressage performance, by virtue of a very fast cross-country run and a faultless Stadium Jumping Test. In third place was *Atlastra* (Mrs. H. Woolman III), followed in order by *Rowdy*, *Eye Spring*, *Toy Ghost*, Mr. Wister, *Gibson* (Miss P. Talbott) the only horses to finish. Last year's winner, *Curist* (Mrs. P. Fout), in second place after the cross-country phase, was unfortunately eliminated in the last test due to jumping an obstacle before it was replaced. With such a wide-spread participation in this area's Horse Trials, it is now necessary only to offer competitors suitable instruction to improve their standard. Ottershaw

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After the June and July lull, Rombout Hunt Club activities began again in August with hound-walking. Miss Louise Metcalf was the star worker, devoting many hours to teaching the nine puppies their manners. William H. Kay, Jr., Jt.-M.F.H., walked the pack every day, counting among his most regular assistants Mrs. Putnam Davis, the Kershaw family, the Quinn family, William Carver, Paul Shaefer, Miss Metcalf, Mrs. John Howson, Mrs. Clark Melville, David Melville, and his own family.

The annual Landowners' Party was held August 23 under the direction of Mrs. Warren Kershaw with Mrs. Putnam Davis and Mrs. Walter Ellis ably assisting her. Last year we experimented with replacing the traditional evening dinner for the adults of the landowners' families with a picnic for the whole family, and it proved so popular that it was repeated this year, starting at 2 p.m. and continuing until night fall. The site of the party is a 27-acre lake owned by several Hunt Club members, providing sail-boating, motor-boating, water-skiing, and swimming, with members furnishing the boats and skippers. For the shore-minded, horse-shoe pitching, baseball, and conversation whetted appetites for the barbecued chicken, salads, hot rolls, and pies served to 350 people by a crew of members including George Gallow, Mrs. Walter Henning, Mrs. Richmond Meyer, Mrs. James Farrell, and Mrs. Robert Burr. Miss Mary Gray, Miss Joan Farrell, and Mrs. Joseph Quinn kept the shore games going while Mr. Kay and his sons Bill and Rob managed the water sports until the hottest job of all, barbecuing the chicken, had been completed by Mrs. William Schermerhorn, Perry Davis, William Carver, David Melville, Joseph Quinn, Paul Shaefer, and Halig Babian.

Cubbing started September 12, a little later than usual due to the extremely hot weather, with a field of more than 20 meeting at the William H. Kay, Jr., farm.

A good day's sport ensued with two obliging foxes, the first of which passed right by Mrs. Warren Kershaw, in charge of the junior members out that day, which included Alicia Kershaw, Norah Kay, and Carlyle Kay. Cubbing season continued at the same good rate with pleasant weather conditions, and abundance of foxes, and almost no deer trouble. Visitors during cubbing season included Miss Anne Wakefield of the Long Lake Hounds, Mrs. Taylor of Fairfield County Hunt, and Jack O'Keefe of Litchfield County Hunt. We are

looking forward to an outstanding season this year, based on the excellent work displayed by our hounds during cubbing, for which thanks must go to our regular huntsman, Jt.-M.F.H. William H. Kay, Jr., and also to Jt.-M.F.H. Richmond Meyer, who takes over the horn when Mr. Kay is unavailable.

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Every cloud has its silver lining and the pre-season snow that wreaked such havoc on Colorado's eastern slope in late September turned into a real blessing for the Arapahoe Hunt, providing moist ground during the lovely autumn months when precipitation is usually scarce. As a result, scenting conditions are perhaps the best in the hunt's long history.

Plum Creek Hunter Trials where the hunting crowd gathers before the opening of the season, had to be cancelled. As its organizer, Mrs. John Pauk, said ruefully, "Gee, you can't even see where the fences are!" However, the snow melted quickly into the warm ground, and the formal opening of the hunting season was held the following week-end, October 11. Over 50 riders turned out, and it was a delightful morning with a pleasant, not too vigorous run through the Tower, up the familiar rocky sides of the old Anticline (where the only kill of the day, a rattle-snake sunning himself on top, occurred), and a brief skirmish with the gullies and thickly wooded slopes of the Hole.

On the following Thursday afternoon, scent was breast high. Hounds flew out of the Pollack into prairie fields aptly dubbed by one member as "Coyote's Revenge" for its myriad gopher holes. The holes took their toll, first Duane Littell and a few seconds later, Mrs. Richard King who was hors de combat with a sturdy concussion. In the meanwhile hounds and what remained of the field were sailing on across Headquarters' west road, making a large left hand turn toward the old Denver highway, and looping back through more "holy" land. Hounds checked in an old plowed field, cast on into a sparkling wheatfield, gold under the brilliant blue sky, found their line again and ran on to the Pollack windmill where they were blown in. The field, dispersed on various routes towards Kennels, were startled to hear the horn again a few minutes later, but as George said, "If a coyote keeps running just ahead of the pack, there's nothing to do but run him."

By the 18th it was very warm, and frequent waterings in convenient water holes visited by the coyote, helped hounds endure the heat. A tallyho in the Tower put hounds on a line across the Breaks, through the Horse Pasture, into the Trap, across it into Section 12's cactus spotted fields, through the Horse Pasture - all at a fast pace. On the 22nd, hounds were not cast until nearing the Tower, where a coyote was found almost immediately, and hounds were off on a very fast run through the Breaks, into the Purebred's open fields, up the long backslope of the

Anticline. They checked on top, for 70 degree temperatures had taken their toll momentarily. Cooled out under the sparse shade of the scrub-oak, they settled to the line once more, carrying it through the Tower, across the draw behind Kennels, up over the Rocks, where the second and last check of the day occurred, found again going into the Pollack and were called in after an hour and five minutes on the line.

October 25th was an Indian Summer day with temperatures in the high 70's - not auspicious for good hunting, but the ground was still full of moisture and hounds flew in a big circle through the wooded half of our hunting country. Fun to have Comdr. Whitehead and Philip Darwin riding with us on a good gin-and-tonic day!

More snow, we missed a meet, and hunted next in heavy mud and warm weather on November 1. In contrast to the previous run, this one was over grassy prairie, and we had a fast, muddy 50 minutes in the Pollacks, the Diamonds, through some scrub-oak in the Breaks, and back into the Bull Pasture.

The 5th was a bitter cold day - 24 degrees as we rode out into a biting northwest wind. Deer were thick in the Pollack and the wind so strong, that hounds upwind of George couldn't hear his horn. Rather miserable - until hounds were able to open up on a line they had been working through the Pollack and Tower, and move their coyote on ahead. From

then on, until hounds were called in 45 minutes later on top of the Anticline, the weather was forgotten. Having broken a stirrup leather early in the run, I was feeling rather grumpy, particularly at those riders who like to show their riding prowess by charging through the field. Anyway, my feet weren't cold even if it was only 15 when we rode back to Kennels.

Cool and sunny on the 8th, scent good. Hounds gave beautiful tongue, took the coyote's checks in their stride, and with the hunt staff riding hard, ran a hard pressed coyote through the Tower, into the big Pollack draw, looped back to the Tower, cut north across the Breaks, and checked for water at the Purebred windmill. Refreshed, they settled to the line leading up the long back slope of the Anticline, crossed its north prongs, swung south over the top and into the Hole, and lost near the South Ranch windmill. George made a wide cast through the woods and they got their tired coyote up near where they had lost him. Two relay runners at different points during the run tried to draw hounds off, but scent was too good and hounds too keen for any such deception. They killed near the Tower-South Ranch fence after another 15 minute burst. Bud Tamblyn and Mrs. Keith Robinson received the trophies.

Misty, smoggy, on the 12th. Denver too close. Cold, hard to see, deer among the coyotes, warming run, fun.



LONDON HUNT (Canada) - Lt. Col. O. M. Fuller, M.F.H. writes: - "This is a picture of our opening Meet, which was held on Saturday, September the 26th at 10:30 A.M. at Medway House, the residence of Col. and Mrs. J. E. Smallman. A Field of approximately forty-five turned out, with cool hunting weather and excellent scenting conditions prevailing. The day's sport was a very good beginning to our Season, which has continued to be one of our best in years."

"In this picture, from left to right, may be seen: Captain Nemethy, our Kennel Huntsman, myself behind the tree, Miss Elizabeth Fuller, Honorary Whipper-in, with our host, Col. J. E. Smallman standing beside her, James Detwiler, Honorary Whipper-in, and Frank Bristow, Whipper-in. In the background in front of Medway House, may be seen some spectators who gathered at the Meet to also enjoy a Stirrup Cup."

"This was the first official day out for our draft of Pytchley hounds from England, which have added greatly to our pack."

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A coyote was flushed out of the brush just north of the Rocks on the 15th, and circled through the Pollacks and across the Breaks. Turning south in the Tower, Gil Wilson and Cary Crockett bought some ground (a touch of frost in it that day), and hounds and hunt staff all but disappeared in the ensuing delay. It saved the field a rough, fast few minutes through the Hole, and hounds lost at the Buffalo fence after a half-hour run. We had another half hour through easier country before hounds were called in.

On the 19th it was mild, and our coyote ran down the back of the Anticline, across the fields of the Purebred pasture and into Section 12 where they killed in Bennett's Gulch at the end of a very fast 15 minutes. The panting pack was watered nearby, and not five minutes later were opening on another line, this time running south through the Trap, the corrals at Headquarters where the startled stock and our startled horses spooked at each other, across the Breaks and into the Tower, and killed their second coyote after a 20 minute run. Mrs. Marvin Beeman was so excited she parted company with her horse and nearly landed in the middle of the kill. The hunt staff allows as how they are going to have to hunt the slow pack on non-hunting days just to get the coyotes fit.

On the 22nd hounds were way north of Headquarters before finding, but any lassitude among members of the field was quickly dispelled as we galloped mile after mile across rolling fields. One four mile stretch we must have taken at an 18 mile an hour clip without a break. Hounds ran that coyote an hour and 15 minutes, and a good hour of that time horses were at a gallop to keep up. On the way home, we had another 20 minute burst, crossing Kennels drive (the field dwindled considerably at this point), and taking the coyote well into the South Ranch.

On the last hunting day of November, the tallyho again came from the Anticline. Hounds carried the line down the back-slope, into the Purebred via a sandy creek bed, into Section 12, turned west through the Trap, and the Horse Pasture. As we came out of the Breaks, Dr. Daniel Franklin's horse took a bad fall, and a large portion of the field remained to help him. Blissfully unaware, the first part of the field was straining every muscle to keep hounds in sight, and it wasn't until we were well into Section 21 that we realized our ranks had thinned considerably. Six of us, including Mrs. Dan Kamphausen, Mrs. W. H. Neill, Earl Morris, Rath Falck and Lawrence Phipps III, had a never-to-be-forgotten gallop across the snow covered fields, the footing like velvet, silent and soft. Hounds ran on and on, through 16 and 15, and finally checked near Headquarters road, where Mr. Morris could be heard, guardedly but urgently, calling to George "To get 'em on the line again before the field catches up!" Only a handful ever did catch us as

we didn't really stop for an hour and 40 minutes during which we covered about 18 miles, rounding Bowen's 40, straight north across Bennett's Gulch, along the Gulch, turning east through the Trap and into 12, and then on to Wildcat road in the Tower where hounds were called in, all in. Those who finished in addition to the heedless six, were Bill Grant, daughter Gertrude and niece Sophia Lambert (whose father is a Master of the old Surrey and Burstow), Mrs. Hugh MacMillan, Mrs. Thomas Hildt, Gilbert Wilson and daughter Honey, Dick King and daughter Susan, Mrs. Preshaw and young Lyn Robinson. H.C.N.

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Mr. John C. West, arriving a bit late because some well laid plans had gone awry, viewed a fox boiling away from Scarlett Thicket the first covert drawn. Hounds had opened in the covert, but were lifted to the halloa and burst away on a burning scent. For one hour and 27 minutes the field was treated to a veritable point to point over a glorious line of country. From Scarlett Thicket the fox ran west over Francis Sheehan's, then swung south across Mrs. Weisbrod's and in a wide circle swept east thru' Mr. Prince's unpicked corn, where he eluded a farm dog and reentered Scarlett Thicket. Running on the east edge of this covert in Mrs. Pratt's Nursery he crossed the Street Road and once more headed west over the old Murphy Farm into Mrs. Joseph Walker's south pastures. Hounds ran on with terrific drive over Mr. Burling Cocks' gallop into the southeast corner of Webb's Woods. Once in the comparative safety of this big covert, the fox seemed



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loath to leave it. He made a complete circle before realizing he couldn't escape this driving pack by running circles and had no more time to waste if he wanted to get home safely. Then he came out of the northeast corner of Webb's to head due east for the New Unionville School past Rodman Ward's. Hounds drove on with remarkable pace past the New School. Then they swung right handed, (south) over George Laffey's and Jock Hicks to recross Route 926 just west of Red Lion and mark their fox to ground in a little quarry east of the Cliff Edgar's Liodale Farm.

An afternoon fox was then found in the Hollingsworth Pines north of the London Grove swamp that only stayed above ground for a short burst thru' Woodburn's Clearing back to Percy Pierce, and, after circling this covert once, went to ground. Hounds, horses and field, though, had had plenty and the order was given for Home.

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HORSE SHOWS

Canadian Horse Shows Ass'n Annual Meeting

Subject of lively discussion at both A and B meetings of the Canadian Horse Shows Association last year, the new Green Hunter rule was a principal controversial topic again this year at the annual meetings in Toronto during the Royal Winter Fair at which George Jacobson, M.F.H., was again elected President.

Proponents of change cited the climatic disadvantage of the later starting season in its first green year under the present rule. Those in favor of maintaining the rule as it is in the interests of uniformity on both sides of the U.S. - Canada Boundary line and the convenience of entries marshalled their arguments with strong support also. The final decision was to leave the rule unchanged, with one slight amendment: that horses in their first year will be shown over fences UP TO 3'6" and in their second year over fences at 3'9". The words "up to" are additional. A most important change was made for inclusions under "Exceptions" to the Green Hunter rule, however, when it was voted to allow four free shows to a three-year-old green hunter in its first year of showing.

"Exceptions to the Green Hunter rule now read: "Horses which have jumped over an obstacle lower than three feet only to demonstrate obedience, i.e.: dressage and trail horses and three-year-olds that have not been shown in Jumping Classes or Hunter Classes over fences IN MORE THAN FOUR SHOWS."

This means that a three-year-old green hunter may be shown in four shows during its three-year-old year, but if it is shown in a fifth show it is automatically in its first Green Hunter year. Strict penalties were recommended for any violation of the new

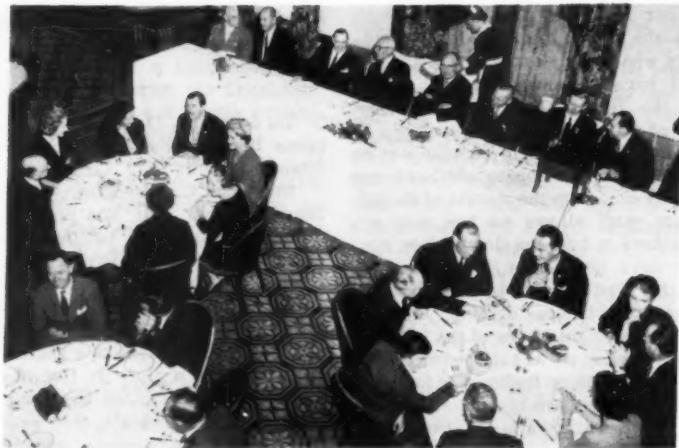
exception.

It was moved by Dr. J. B. Chassels, seconded by Mrs. George Jacobsen and carried unanimously that 50% conformation and 50% performance be allowed for green hunters only, and that a suggested

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suitable hunter jumps, twice around, and with an In and Out in the stakes class.

Revision of the hack division was strongly mooted by both British Columbia and Quebec delegates. Speaking for B.C., Dr. S. Sarjeant said it was felt the term "Bridle Path Hack" was misleading and that a "Show Hack" classification be introduced in its place. The meeting referred the whole matter of the revision of the Hack Division to the Hack Committee for report and action in the next Rule Book. Mr. H. J. Price M.P.P. of Zone Two, seconded by Mr. E. Preston Graham, another Zone Two director, proposed that the word "open" be left out of all childrens' pony classes and that the rule apply to harness ponies only and this was carried. Another motion by Mr. Preston Graham



Some of the members and guests at the annual luncheon of the Canadian Horse Shows Association Inc., at the Royal York, Toronto, during Royal Winter Fair week. At the head table, from the left, A. Johnson, Halifax; F. H. Dillingham, Ste. Anne de Bellevue; Henry J. Price, M.P.P., Toronto; Maj. C. M. Kindersley, M.F.H.; Col. Clifford Sifton, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.F.H.; Brig. F. C. Wallace, D.S.O., M.C., M.F.H.; the Duke of Northumberland; George Jacobsen, M.F.H., President of the Canadian Horse Shows Ass'n, Inc. At table, left, the Duchess of Northumberland with Mrs. Jacobsen; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Fitzgerald; Mrs. F. H. Dillingham and Brig. & Mrs. Lyndon Bolton, Alnwick, England. Right foreground, Judge G. A. P. & Mrs. Brickenden, their daughter Mrs. Hall-Holland; Dr. Helga Laufenstein, who represented Canada in Dressage at the Pan-American games.

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The Annual luncheon of the Canadian Horse Shows Ass'n, Toronto - (L. to r.): The Duke of Northumberland; George Jacobsen, President, Canadian Horse Shows Ass'n; Hon. W. A. Goodfellow, Ontario, Minister of Agriculture and Harry L. Price, President of the Canadian National Exhibition.

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that no loops be permitted on the reins in Ladies and Amateur Driving classes was also carried. Mr. James Wyatt, High River, Alta., the new Chairman of Zone 3 submitted a set of rules for the Appaloosa Horse and proposed the inclusion of these in the annual Rule Book. A revised set of rules for Trail rides was also submitted by Mr. Wyatt.

Submissions for more recognition of Juniors at recognized shows were made by several spokesmen, including Mr. H. J. Price of Ontario who said an Ontario committee had been formed to study this and see what could be done to meet the growing junior interest and need for separ-

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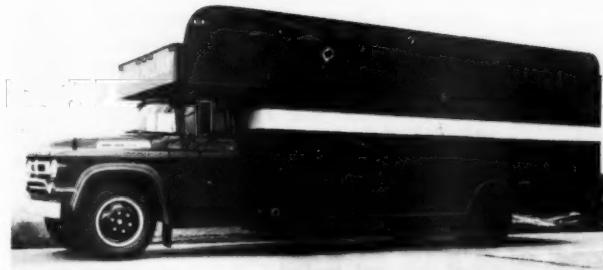


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ate classes.

Mrs. Gerda Friedrichs of Trahkenen Farm, Ontario, suggested there was need of some proper rules for the use of the exercise ring at various shows and this was referred to the Executive Committee.

In his address to the meeting Mr. Jacobsen pointed out that the Canadian Association was experiencing a healthy development, both in Member Shows and Individual Members, in every zone in Canada, which was very much to their mutual advantage in all equestrian matters. Speaking at the annual luncheon, he delighted members of the International Teams by welcoming the South Americans in Spanish. This well-attended affair at the Royal York, at which the U. S., Brazilian, Mexican and Argentinian international teams were well represented along with the Canadian Team, was addressed by the Duke of Northumberland, who was present with the Duchess. The Duke recalled that one of his ancestors had died in Canada after being bitten by a rabid fox.

New directors elected to the Canadian Horse Shows Association included Mr. J. Harold Crang, President of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Toronto; Mr. J. F. "Mike" Tigh, Montreal; Mrs. W. H. Dunbar and Mr. F. C. Errington for British Columbia.

Dow's Downeast

The second horse show of Dow Air Force Base was an unqualified success. Lovely crisp weather, well filled classes, interested spectators and the excellent judging of Mr. Roger Maher and Mr. Judson Sanderson all contributed to this success. The personnel at Dow A.F.B. worked hard to build two rings of split

logs and handsome well designed jumps. The ladies presenting the trophies were escorted into the rings over red carpets by high ranking officers flanked by an honor guard. Quite something for Maine Horses came from a 300 mile area to compete; a great many of the exhibitors were from the Penobscot Pony Club and the newly formed branch at Skowhegan. The presence of the large K C 97s and the wicked looking Voodoos and other aircraft of the base which were on display to the public added glamour to the show. The airmen at the in and out gates added their bit by cheering on the competitors as they entered the rings and congratulating them as they left. We, in this area, feel indebted to D.A.F.B. for the great effort they made to provide us with such a well planned and efficiently run show.

CORRESPONDENT: Show Secretary.

PLACE: Bangor, Maine.

TIME: Sept. 19.

JUDGES: Roger Maher, Judson Sanderson.

WORKING HUNTER CH: Sugar N'Spice, Priscilla Dodge.

RES: Sue's Smokey, Susan Robinson.

EQUATION CH: Ann Perkins.

RES: Marshall Gray.

JUMPER CH: Sugar N'Spice, Priscilla Dodge.

RES: Easy Breeze, Mrs. Braley Gray.

SUMMARIES:

Equitation, under 11 - 1. Lendon Gray; 2. Jennifer Johnson; 3. Cathy Smith; 4. Kenneth Sullivan; 5. Donna Bridges; 6. Leah Ducket.

Equitation, 11-13 - 1. Marshall Gray; 2. Erica Segal; 3. Meriel Ducket; 4. Sharon Sullivan; 5. Judith Higgins; 6. Deborah Robson.

Equitation 14-17 - 1. Ann Perkins; 2. Kristine Zethren; 3. Jean Hadlock; 4. Ann Thibodeau; 5. Susan Rice; 6. Louise Bernard.

Maine Horse Assn. pleasure horse - 1. Sugar N'Spice, Priscilla Dodge; 2. Orcland Linda, Sandra Crowe; 3. Kentucky Lad, Susan Rice; 4. Springfield Flamenson, Donald Bridges. Lightweight working hunter - 1. Sue's Smokey, Susan Robinson; 2. Easy Breeze, Mrs. Braley Gray; 3. Irish Comet, Marshall Gray; 4. Tim-Buck II, Judith Higgins.

Open jumping - 1. Sue's Smokey; 2. Champion, Erica Segal; 3. Easy Breeze; 4. Dare's Denmark King, Meriel Ducket.

Working hunter hack - 1. Sugar N'Spice; 2. Sue's Smokey; 3. Tim-Buck II; 4. Easy Breeze.

Road hacks - 1. Pride Morgan, Priscilla Dodge; 2. Sugar N'Spice; 3. Orcland Linda; 4. Lady Hyland, Sharon Sullivan.

Knock down & out - 1. Sue's Smokey; 2. Easy Breeze; 3. Versatility, Richard Connor; 4. Princess Ann, Doris Bell.

Family class - 1. The Braley Grays; 2. Susan & Sally Robinson; 3. The Rodney Ross'; 4. Catherine & Billy Smith. Bridle path horse - 1. Sugar N'Spice; 2. Orcland Linda; 3. Sue's Smokey; 4. Pepsi, Debby Kaler.

Pair class - 1. Golden Boy, L. Harriman, Golden Duke, Lawrence Ashe; 2. Last Clue, Margaret Emple, Irish Comet, Marshall Gray; 3. Golden Queen, Bill White, Gold Dust, Geraldine Church; 4. Dolly, Ann Thibodeau, Lady Hyland, Sharon Sullivan.

Pet pony under saddle - 1. Dolly; 2. Round Robin, Lendon Gray; 3. Champ, Rodney Ross, Jr.; 4. Black Angel, Ann Rogan.

Open colts - 1. Flashy Set, Pat Dowd; 2. Broadwell Mayfair, W. E. Robinson; 3. Golden Mist, Jean Cox; 4. Magic Lady, Clair Morgan.

FORTUNATO RIDING CLUB

CORRESPONDENT: R. J. D.

PLACE: Jericho, New York.

TIME: November 1.

JUDGES: Mrs. William Kimball, Father Edward Melton, Arthur Gladstone, Mrs. Michael McDermott, Mrs. A. J. Apicella.

WORKING HUNTER CH: Mirabeau, Ronald Daleo.

RES: Irish Challenge, John Dauria.

GREEN HUNTER CH: Petite, Mrs. Lorraine Magnani.

RES: Trade Chance, Glydas Jewusk.

CHILDREN'S HUNTER CH: Mirabeau, Ronald Daleo.

RES: Vini Venture, Billou Farms.

HORSEMANSHIP CH: Bernie Traurig.

RES: Janet Heney.

SUMMARIES:

Beginner horsemanship - 1. Albie Gallo; 2. Janice McElligott; 3. Beth Gottlieb; 4. Marcy Udell; 5. Missy Udell; 6. Peter Silberblatt.

Open working hunter - 1. Irish Challenge, John Dauria; 2. Mirabeau, Ronald Daleo; 3. Black Marcus, Keith Rehberger; 4. Vini Venture, Billou Farms.

Children's working hunter - 1. Black Marcus; 2. Vini Venture; 3. Mirabeau; 4. Rabbit Rouser, Pat Wood.

Working hunter hack - 1. Mirabeau; 2. Irish Challenge; 3. Raven; 4. Petite, Mrs. Lorraine Magnani.

Limit jumper - 1. Cameo, Wiesenfeld Jewelers; 2. Vini Venture; 3. Stardust, Louis Garten; 4. Irish Challenge. Horsemastership Challenge - 1. Bernie Traurig; 2. Pat Wood; 3. Anna Pepitone; 4. Marjorie Colen; 5. Jessica Silberblatt.

Children's hunters, appointments - 1. Mirabeau; 2. Vini Venture; 3. Petty, Dorris Blum; 4. Spanish Mist, Anna Pepitone.

Green conformation hunter - 1. Cameo; 2. Trade Chance; 3. Irish Challenge; 4. Petite.

Open conformation hunter - 1. Petite; 2. Cameo; 3. Mirabeau; 4. Stardust.

F.R.C. Challenge - 1. Trade Chance; 2. Mirabeau; 3. Spanish Mist; 4. Stardust.

Children's hunter under saddle - 1. Alan's Choice, Gene Blum; 2. Najeeb, Diane Charlton; 3. Spanish Mist; 4. Mirabeau.

Green working hunter - 1. Petite; 2. Trade Chance; 3. Cameo; 4. Raven.

Open horsemanship over fences - 1. Bernie Traurig; 2. Pat Wood; 3. Janet Heney; 4. Helen Wiesenfeld; 5. Margo Sachay; 6. Anna Pepitone.

CHAGRIN VALLEY HUNTER TRIALS

CORRESPONDENT: Bystander.

PLACE: Gates Mills, Ohio.

TIME: Oct. 11.

JUDGE: Sallie Sexton.

FIELD HUNTER CH: Pompey's Lamp, Kathy Mattie.

RES: Dusk and Dark, Mary Marsh.

SUMMARIES:

Open hunters - 1. Dusk and Dark, Mary Marsh; 2. Chorus Girl, Robert H. Bishop; 3. Pompey's Lamp, Kathy Mattie; 4. Statesman, C. Vasquez.

Green hunters - 1. Shadowwick, Barbara Griffiths; 2. Spice Tea, Gilbert Humphrey; 3. Happy Dif, Kathy Mattie; 4. Irish Rule, J. B. Ward.

Lightweight hunters - 1. GoldCoin, Jean Hower; 2. Dusk and Dark; 3. Fancy Free, Barbara Griffiths; 4. Chorus Girl. Foxhunter's class - 1. Pompey's Lamp; 2. Statesman; 3. Sunset, Cyrus Eaton III; 4. Bay-On, Thomas Visconti. Middle & heavyweight hunters - 1. Pompey's Lamp; 2. Bay-On; 3. Irish Rule; 4. Koordorian, Mrs. Ester Voorhees. Junior hunters - 1. Blue Jeans, Polly Williams; 2. Tic-Toc, Karla Kramer; 3. Bunny Blaze, Susie Richards; 4. Royal Feather, Susie Weaver.

Master's Trophy - 1. Dusk and Dark; 2. Black Beth, Mary Dana Prescott; 3. Holladay, Leonard Sogg; 4. Big Sis, R. T. Temple.

Hounds Hill trophy - 1. Fancy Free; 2. Carousel, Paul D. Weaver; 3. Secret Wire, Marilyn Stern; 4. Music Maker, Richard Wachic.

Hunt teams - 1. Pompey's Lamp, Sunset, Secret Wire; 2. Music Maker, Dusk and Dark, Chorus Girl; 3. False Alarm, Carol Wright, Black Beth, Stateman.

Hunting appointments - 1. Pompey's Lamp; 2. Sunset; 3. Dusk and Dark; 4. Koordorian.

Friday, December 18, 1959

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General Alexander Rodzianko

Alexis Wrangel

The year 1959 is the Eightieth Anniversary of one of this century's leading equestrian figures, General Alexander Rodzianko. Pupil of Caprilli, graduate of Saumur and of the Russian Officers' Cavalry School, member of the Russian Imperial Olympic team, trainer of the Swedish and Belgian teams in the twenties and thirties, General Rodzianko left his imprint on several of the world's best show jumping teams. Indirectly, as will be seen from this article, our USET team owes part of its successes to his training methods.

General Rodzianko graduated from Military School in 1899 and immediately became active in the then brand new sport of show jumping. 1902 saw the first International Horse Show in Turin, Italy. The Italian team under Caprilli, riding in the "new forward way," won a smashing success - all events, except the broad jump going to the Italians. Rodzianko took part in this event and observed the new system of riding. About this time Rodzianko went on detached service to Saumur, where he took the full two year course. After graduating he went to Italy again as an observer to meet Caprilli, and to take a close look at his training methods.

In the years 1905 to 1914 Rodzianko took part in Russian and International shows, winning in that relatively short period over 500 prizes and establishing the Russian high jump record at 7 ft. 2 in. The Russian Imperial Army officers were the only teams to have won the Prince of Wales cup in three consecutive years - 1910, 1911, 1912. This record stood until 1950, when the British team managed to repeat the feat. General Rodzianko rode on the winning team in 1910 and 1911.

Taking time off from sport to fight in World War I as a regimental commander and in the Russian Revolution as a general commanding an anti-communist army, Rodzianko found himself in 1920 a stateless refugee with neither resources nor horses. However, his fame was already established and the Swedish army asked him to coach their team. The Equestrian Olympic Games at Antwerp in 1920 and at Paris in 1924 brought smashing successes to the Swedish officers and General Rodzianko was thanked for his efforts by Prince Carl of Sweden.

Moving to Belgium, General Rodzianko started to coach a group of Belgian army officers who rode in international horse shows. Within a couple of years such Belgian riders as de Brabandere, van Derton, Ganshof van der Meersch and de Merten appeared still more regularly in the ribbons at international shows. In the 1936 Olympics Capt. van der Meersch, riding Ibrahim, a horse schooled for some time under the direction of General

Rodzianko (before the departure of Capt. GvdM, with his horses, for the Cavalry School of SAUMUR) finished fourth. Ibrahim had the distinction of being the only horse to negotiate successfully both rounds of the impossibly difficult triple combination.

The 1936 Olympics were the climax of the immense successes of the German team trained at the Hannover Cavalry School. A graduate of this famous establishment is presently training the US equestrian team, Capt. B. de Nemethy, to whose able coaching our team owes its recent successes in Europe. Strangely enough the system used in training jumpers at the Hannover Cavalry School was taken over unbeknown from General Rodzianko in the late twenties and it happened in this way:

There was at that time riding in local German shows, a former Russian Cavalry officer, Col. Panchulidzev, presently equerry to Prince Bernhardt of the Netherlands. Col. Panchulidzev was a student of General Rodzianko and in a recent letter to the General he has this to say: "In 1928 Col. von Waldenfels was appointed head of the German military equestrian team. He came to see me train and interrogated me at length on my training system, for he had noticed how my horses jumped smoothly and seemingly effortlessly. I told him that this was General Rodzianko's method. Col. von Waldenfels was a good horseman and a very intelligent man; he grasped immediately the essence of the training system, made detailed notes and departed. The system was applied immediately by him at Hannover with brilliant results." This system is described in a book by another German officer,

Col. von Barnchow in his "Handbook On Training Jumpers." To a certain degree the same method is used by Capt. de Nemethy in his present coaching of the US riders, hence my remark in the opening paragraph of this article.

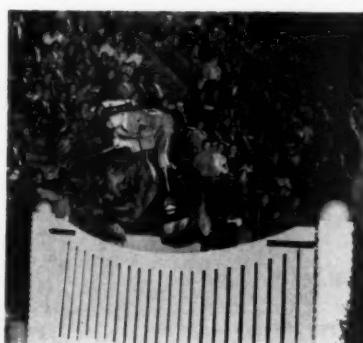
General Rodzianko's training methods and the "winning recipe?" They consist in routining a horse over different combinations of cavalletts and above all developing the horse's correct calculation of the last two strides before a jump. This is obtained by teaching the horse to effect a half halt as a "conditional reflex" with no interference from the rider. - therein lies the secret of the General's method. Truly a method which turns mediocre horses into good jumpers and good horses into top jumpers. A system which works equally well with Thoroughbreds and cold-blooded horses, show jumpers, hunters and even steeplechasers. (the latter with modification).

A sportsman for sports sake, General Rodzianko has never refused assistance or advice to any genuine horseman, whether novice or experienced, but woe to the phony horsemen, the pseudo-intellectual types, snobs or those who consider horses as a means of social success! - the General will turn on them a withering fire of sarcasm, which, at times unprintable, contains gems of truth.

Dividing the world into horsemen and pedestrians at large the General's list of friends contains the foremost names in modern equestrian history who unite in calling him one of the foremost horsemen of the twentieth century.

As a student of General Rodzianko since 1945, I would like to pay tribute to this great and gallant horseman. I am sure that many horsemen in Europe and the USA will echo my feelings and wish him on his birthday Many Happy Returns.

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Oak Grove Hunter Trials

The 12th annual Oak Grove Hunter Trials were advanced this year from the originally scheduled date, November 7th, to the preceding Saturday, October 31st. The event drew its usual large crowd of entries; although, a number of out of state exhibitors, who have shown in the past, were unable to do so this year because of the date change. The increasing number of local enthusiasts filled the gap.

The estate of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Erb, between Memphis and Germantown, Tennessee, was once again the site of the day-long event. The day was ideal for hunter trials and the cross-country course, edged with woods decked out in their autumn best, was a thrillingly colorful sight to behold as the entries galloped over it.

Mrs. Joan Morganthau, who has won the Oak Grove Hunter Trials Championship more times than her competitors like to admit, was this year's chief judge. Mrs. Morganthau proved to be as gracious and untiring a judge as she has an exhibitor in the past.

A seemingly endless stream of horses and riders took the cross-country courses. The "pig-pen" spelled trouble for many, as it does whenever it is included on a course. Spills eliminated a handful and miscalculation of the sharp turn prevented others from successfully negotiating the obstacle. On the whole, the quality of going was excellent and to place in the ribbons the hunter had to be an unquestionable mount in trappy situations.

Pops, "pups", coffee, doughnuts, and sandwiches were served on the grounds throughout the day. Attractive teenagers and charming youngsters presented the trophies and ribbons in each class giving added fillip to a very colorful day. The genial atmosphere which prevailed throughout made this a thoroughly wonderful day in the country that will long be remembered with pleasure by contestants and spectators, alike. Specs

CORRESPONDENT: Specs.

PLACE: Memphis, Tennessee.

TIME: October 31.

JUDGES: Mrs. Joan Morganthau, assisted by Winston Cheairs, Jr.

HUNTER CH: Hebo, Jimmy Allen.

RES: Wing-Over, Boyce Magli.

SUMMARIES:

Hunter hack - 1. Copper Cave, Mrs. Jack Erb; 2. Short Snort, Mary Lindsay Andrews; 3. Twelfth Hour, Jack Erb, Jr.; 4. Brigade, Claud McCormick.

Equitation, hunter seat, 9-13 - 1. James Pace; 2. Ann Magli; 3. Camille Moore; 4. Allen Mueller; 5. Ann Allen. Open handy hunter - 1. Wing-Over, Boyce Magli; 2. Witch Doctor, Cathy Pugh; 3. Hobo, Jimmy Allen; 4. O'Hara, Winifred Mueller.

Equitation, hunter seat, 8 & under - 1. Fargason Erb; 2. Johnny Fields; 3. Leah Crump; 4. Margaret Erb; 5. Kathy Livermore.

Jr. working hunters, 13 & under - 1. Dutch Treat, Hagen Peters, Jr.; 2. Casey, James Pace; 3. Strawberry, Frank Crump; 4. Wing-Over, Ann Magli.

Pleasure horses, riders over 21 - 1. Top Brass, Claud McCormick; 2. Lindy, Mrs. Herman Goldman; 3. Bushy, Charles Walker; 4. Cloud Nine, Harlan Fields.

Equitation, hunter seat, 14-18 - 1. Boyce Magli; 2. Mary Chapman; 3. Cathy Pugh; 4. Sandy Hart; 5. Dinetta McCormick.

Equitation, Wib Magli Memorial - 1. Sandy Hart; 2. Dinetta McCormick; 3. Ann Magli; 4. Mary Chapman; 5. Allen Mueller.

Working hunters - 1. Casey, Sally Thorpe; 2. Sir Scott, Oliver Anderson; 3. Fab, Sandy Hart; 4. Copper Cave, Jerome Robertson, Jr.

Gymkhana - 1. Molly, Joe Clarke, Jr.; 2. Ginger, Louise Roberts; 3. Hoppergrass, Jim Anderson; 4. Bonnie, Rhoda Crump; 5. Patchwork, Susie Long.

Pair class - 1. Hobo, Sky Rockat, Jerome Robertson, Jr.; 2. Fraulein, Gayle Lee, Dutch Treat; 3. Blythe, Mary Chapman, Wing-Over; 4. Strawberry, Witch Doctor.

GOLDEN EAGLE

CORRESPONDENT: Eaglet.

TIME: Sept. 12.

PLACE: Dalton, Pa.

JUDGE: Jack Prestage.

JR. HUNTING SEAT CH: Nancy Collins.

RES: Cwrol Bergman.

GOLDEN EAGLE CH: Nancy Collins.

RES: Jane Scott.

SUMMARIES:

Equitation, 7 & under - 1. Debbie Post; 2. Wiley Belin; 3. Debbie Dodge; 4. Ricky Oppenheim; 5. Dick Warren; 6. Twig Fordham.

Hunting seat, 8 & under - 1. Dodie Fordham; 2. Ricky Vivian; 3. Lucy Hull; 4. Margaret Hull; 5. Jennifer Murphy; 6. Barbara Alperin.

Hunting seat, 10 & under - 1. Matt Collins; 2. Dann DeWitt; 3. Greta Clarke; 4. Elizabeth Trane; 5. Wendy Warren; 6. Bill Ayleott.

Hunting seat, 12 & under - 1. Nancy Collins; 2. Carol Bergman; 3. Jane Graham; 4. Ann Hemelright; 5. Nancy Jane Freedman; 6. Jan Thompson.

Hunting seat, 12 & under - 1. Jane Scott; 2. Kathleen Chamberlin; 3. Jim Gearhart; 4. Linda Anne Cathrall; 5. Lynne Maxwell; 6. Muffet Moore.

Hunting seat, 15-18 - 1. Judy Williams; 2. Joan Bergman; 3. Tim Sprout; 4. Tom Grill; 5. Becky Carros; 6. Kathy Golden.

Open jumper warm-up - 1. The Irishman, R. J. Gill; 2. My Little Angel, Major & Jim White; 3. Ditto, The Golden Eagle.

Pleasure ponies - 1. Whitewood Irish Eve, Dodie Fordham;

2. Jamboree, Matt Collins; 3. Mississippi, Ann Hemelright;

4. Music, Margaret & Lucy Hull.

Working hunters - 1. The Professor, Mr. & Mrs. Major White, Jr.; 2. Ginger Moon, Dr. & Mrs. Walter Fordham, Jr.; 3. The Irishman; 4. Jack of All Trades, The Golden Eagle.

Road hacks - 1. Royal, Kathleen Chamberlin; 2. Powerful Katrinka, The Golden Eagle; 3. Maggie the Cat, The Golden Eagle; 4. Paladin, Double A Stock Farm.

Hunting seat over fences - 1. Kathleen Chamberlin; 2. Jane Scott; 3. Judy Williams; 4. Carol Bergman; 5. Tom Grill; 6. Tina Sprout.

Jr. pleasure horses, hunter type - 1. Dord D'Esprit, William Howell, Jr.; 2. Dan's Flag, Emmett Kearney; 3. Royal; 4. Bella, Double A Stock Farm.

Working hunters under saddle - 1. Nord D'Esprit; 2. Dan's Flag; 3. The Irishman; 4. Luckey Miss, Mrs. Gregory Littell, Jr.

Pair class - 1. My Little Angel, Luckey Miss; 2. Porgy, J.B., Jr., The Golden Eagle; 3. Jamboree, Whitewood Irish Eve; 4. Pogo Stick, New Mint, The Golden Eagle.

Open jumpers - 1. The Irishman; 2. Ditto; 3. Jack of All Trades; 4. My Little Angel.

Adult equitation, mask & wig - 1. Mrs. Major White, Jr.; 2. Mrs. Gregory Littell, Jr.; 3. Dr. Walter Fordham, Jr.; 4. Mrs. John Bushko; 5. Ronald Allegrecci.

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Battle Creek Hunter Trials

The annual Battle Creek Hunter Trials were held Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Battle Creek Hunt Club grounds, despite some very unpleasant weather in the form of wind and rain.

The classes were fairly well filled and exceptionally well matched performance wise. Even though the hunt course was rain soaked and slippery, no one withdrew from competition and the horses rose to the occasion, turning in some extremely nice rounds.

The following day the Battle Creek Hunt initiated a new hunting season and a new pack of hounds by turning out a fox which gave the members a short but nice run before going to ground. J.A.



CORRESPONDENT: Judie Anderson.

PLACE: Battle Creek, Michigan.

TIME: Sept. 26.

JUDGES: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Dennehy, Jr.

SUMMARIES:

Horsemanship, 13 & under - 1. Karen Lounsherry; 2. Lee McKee; 3. Jane Harrison; 4. Craig Avery.

Green working hunter hack - 1. Boroughbridge, Fred Boudeman; 2. Nanda, DeDe Boudeman; 3. Polassie, Marg Mulder; 4. Satin Poe, Margaret Riley.

Working hunter - 1. My Chocolate, Pat Brown; 2. Oliver T. Dragon, Donna Schreiber; 3. Sky Crystal, Phil Fox; 4. Boroughbridge.

Horsemanship, 14-17 - 1. Donna Schreiber; 2. Phil Fox; 3. Margaret Wise; 4. Marg Mulder.

Green working hunter - 1. Teddy, Dixie Steele; 2. Sky Crystal; 3. Boroughbridge; 4. Stormie Session, Judie Anderson.

Junior working hunter - 1. Oliver T. Dragon; 2. Nanda; 3. Sky Crystal; 4. Little Joe, Peggy Steele.

Working hunter under saddle - 1. Abbreviation, Judy Helder; 2. Polassie; 3. My Chocolate; 4. Oliver T. Dragon.

Battle Creek Hunt Challenge Trophy, working hunters - 1. Boroughbridge; 2. Oliver T. Dragon; 3. Abbreviation; 4. Sky Crystal.

Hunt pairs - 1. Abbreviation, My Chocolate; 2. Polassie, Part Time, Mar. ret Wise; 3 Boroughbridge, Nanda; 4. Oliver T. Dragon, Stormie Session.

Loyal L. Throne Memorial Challenge Trophy - 1. Abbreviation; 2. Oliver T. Dragon; 3. My Chocolate; 4. Sky Crystal.



Miss Susan Brown on LUCIFER, winner of the open working hunter class at the Fort Leavenworth Hunt Fall Horse Show. Senator J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina presented the trophy.

Friday, December 18, 1959

Warrenton Hunter Trial

The Warrenton Hunt Hunter Trials were held on Sunday, November 22nd, at William Howland's Land-Ho Farm with entries numbering twenty-five to thirty in a class darkness was descending as the last horse covered the course. Blessed by an almost perfect day, & excellent footing, a large crowd witnessed the sporting event for regular members of a recognized hunt on horses which had to have been fairly hunted.

The champion and reserve were awarded to the two horses which had performed most consistently throughout the trials and which in their opinion would be the most pleasant and agreeable mount to hounds. Among the top four to be considered were Mrs. Redmond Toerge's Baby Doll winner of the open to all and the owner's; Mr. William Wilbur's Wisdom, winner of the stake and the pair; and Mrs. William C. Crane's 1958 Trials winner, Mariachi, with two thirds and a fourth. After due consideration, Miss Frances Newbill, and Mr. G. N. Saegmuller, judges for the Hunter Trials, gave the nod to Miss Nina Winthrop's chestnut Hourless Time, with the reserve accolade to MFH William Wilbur's Wisdom. R.K.

Open to all - 1. Hourless Time, Miss Nina Winthrop; 2. Mr. Brig, Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Howland; 3. Rufus, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Fout; 4. Mariachi, Mrs. William Crane.

Junior hunter - 1. Baby Doll, Mrs. Redmond Toerge; 2. Ruffles, Sheila Montgomery; 3. Mariachi, Mrs. William Crane; 4. Sure Thing, Helen Calvert.

Green hunters - 1. Baby Doll; 2. Ekaros, Major George C. Fox; 3. Tally Hi, Kathie Laing; 4. Jr. Chief, Col. George Walker.

Owner-rider - 1. Hourless Time; 2. Rufus; 3. Jr. Chief; 4. Curist, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Fout.

Stake class - 1. Wisdom, Mr. & Mrs. William N. Wilbur; 2. King Flagpole, W. E. Tilson; 3. Mariachi; 4. St. Cloud, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth J. Edwards.

Pair class - 1. Wisdom, Evening Fox, Mr. Amory Lawrence; 2. Chill Gordon, Viola Wise, King Flagpole; 3. St. Cloud, Friars Lady, Everett McClanahan; 4. Easy Going, Meredith Hedrick, Tally Hi.

METAMORA HUNT YOUNG ENTRY

CORRESPONDENT: E.C.P.

TIME: September 5.

PLACE: Metamora, Mich.

JUDGE: Dr. John Human.

3-YRS & UNDER CH. Gay Fate (yrlg.c., Bit-o-Fate-Gay
Victress), Mrs. L. B. Higbie.

RES. Yonko (3-yr.c.) Mrs. G. J. Graham.

SUMMARIES:

Mares, who have had a foal (TB div.) - 1. Local Annie, E. E. Wilson; 2. Victory Stake, Mrs. J. A. Blackwood; 3. Dillyfilly, Mrs. E. S. Nichols; 4. Falling Star, Mrs. V. H. Johnson (Non-TB div.) - 1. Finesse, Mrs. E. C. Parker; 2. Colleen, Ben Colman; 3. Lucy Glitters, W. R. Clark; 4. Maxine, Skape Hill Farm.

TB Foals of '59 - 1. Filly (Goldnote-Dillyfilly), Mrs. E. S. Nichols; 2. Foal, J. D. Scofield; 3. Foal, T. E. Wilson; 4. Indie, Mrs. L. Rother (Non-TB div.) - 1. Quick Trick, Mrs. E. C. Parker; 2. Foal, Mrs. C. H. Clendenning; 3. Destiny, Ben Colman.

Yearlings (TB div.) - 1. Gay Fate, Mrs. L. B. Higbie; 2. Swankys Fate, Mrs. H. Ledyard; 3. Grand Fate, Mr. &

Mrs. W. Jewell; 4. First Printing, Mrs. E. S. Nichols; (Non-TB div.) - 1. Just-a-Bit, Mrs. C. H. Clendenning; 2. Cinnamon Toast, Skape Hill Farm.

2-yr-olds - 1. Pinocchio (Reno Kandy-Grubstake), Mrs. J. A. Blackwood; 2. Masterpiece, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Queen; 3. Battle Whirl, Sue Sharer; 4. Honey Meadow, Paul Feehan.

3-yr-old (TB div.) - 1. Yonko, Mrs. G. J. Graham; 2. Battle Son, Mrs. G. J. Graham; 3. Tullamore Dew, Mrs. E. C. Parker; (Non-TB div.) - 1. Lucy Glitters II, W. R. Clark; 2. Well Stacked, Ann Phelan.

Three get of sire (TB div.) - 1. Battle Son, Battle Fashion, Mrs. G. J. Graham; 2. Battle Whirl, Sue Sharer (by Battlewhir); 2. Red Kandy, Pinocchio, foal by Reno Kandy, Mrs. J. A. Blackwood; (Non-TB div.) - 1. Lucy Glitters II, Harvest Moon, Light Wood (by Reno Kandy), W. R. Clark. Mare & 2 of her produce - 1. Lucy Glitters, Lucy Glitters II, Harvest Moon, W. R. Clark; 2. Just Mary, Just-a-Bit, Just-a-Smidge, Mrs. C. H. Clendenning; 3. Maxine, Entry, Entry, Skape Hill Farm.

Mares, who have not had a foal - 1. Battle Fashion, Mrs. G. J. Graham; 2. Lucy Glitters II, W. R. Clark; 3. Hearthstone, Ethel W. Flinn; 4. Double Wedding, Ben Colman. Suitable to become hunters - 1. Yonko; 2. Battle Son; 3.

Tullamore Dew; 4. Lucy Glitters II.

Lead line - 1. Ardy's Woodington; 2. Henry Tebben; 3. Paul Feehan; 4. Sally Lovell; 5. Susan Detwiler.

Beginners horsemanship - 1. Chris Ray; 2. Dina Woodington; 3. Jamie Woodington; 4. Scott Cunningham.

Open green hunters - 1. Red Kandy; 2. Ebony, Metamora Hunt; 3. Tullamore Dew; 4. Battle Son.

Jr. working hunters - 1. Dillinger, E. E. Wilson; 2. Bad Blaze, Barbara Stirling.

Open green hunters - 1. Red Kandy; 2. Ebony; 3. Dillinger. Michigan-bred hunters - 1. Double Wedding; 2. Bambi, Mrs. E. C. Parker.

Parent & child - 1. W. E. Lasher, John; 2. Mrs. C. H. Clendenning, K. C.; 3. Ben Colman, Price; 4. Mrs. Robert Woodington, Dina.

Qualified hunters - 1. Battle Fashion; 2. Bad Blaze; 3. Double Wedding; 4. Kelley, Metamora Hunt.

Horsemanship, 13 & under - 1. Meg Woodington; 2. Edna Mae Nagel; 3. Johnny Bob Bogle; 4. Jo Ann Tebben. Horsemanship, 14-18 - 1. Carol Wilson; 2. Marie Hamill; 3. Barbara Stirling.

Musical chairs - 1. James Forrester; 2. Meg Woodington; 3. Polly Deming; 4. Barbara Stirling.

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Juniors At The Royal Broadview

The Junior classes at the Royal Winter Fair were held the final day, Nov. 21st, with droves of youngsters and their horses or ponies flocking in from nearby parts (stabling was not given to local juniors until the day before) and some from further afield. The activity of a number of Branches of the Pony Club in Ontario assures plenty of young riders. Conditions for this year's classes were revamped with a view to giving more kids a chance with their particular mounts yet to reduce the size of classes. This partially worked and most classes were of reasonable size with more uniform entries, but the Junior Working Hunter with 41 entries seems to call for further division, either as to age of riders or size of mounts. The winner was Pene Ann Umphrey with her good going S'no Fair who put in a beautiful round against many good ones to win the Sage Challenge Trophy.

Another big class was the Star Challenge Trophy for Junior Jumpers, F.E.I., rules, with 35 entries. Preliminaries were held for this in the afternoon with the best ten performing again at night and carrying their afternoon scores with them. Renee Brown's aged large pony mare Roan Lady, from Dundas, Ontario, won this over Abel Bastarache's grand old jumping mare Icy Calm. There were ties for lesser placings.

The Junior Hunt Teams with 15 entries

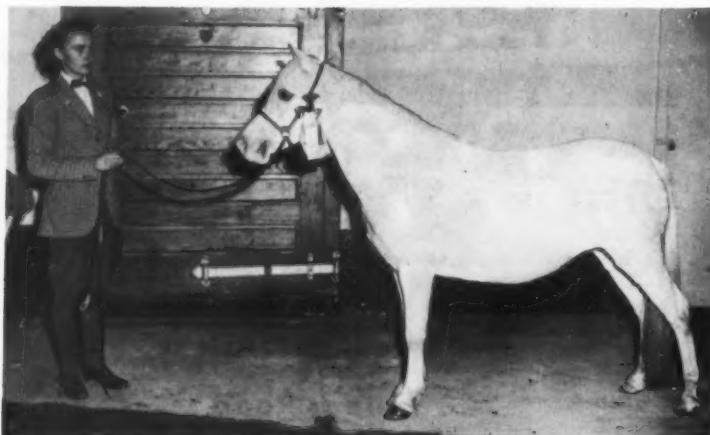
was probably the most exciting class of all - those who had not made up their teams beforehand went around to the other kids to see who might make up their teams and a good time was had by all. The winning team was that of Mary Carswell, Willowdale, for the Eglinton Hunt Branch of the Pony Club with Dr. J. G. Holbrook's Ancaster Team second.

A new challenge trophy has been introduced this year in memory of Capt. Dick Paton - for 3 generations the friend of young riders in the Toronto area and an official at most Ontario shows for some 30 years. This was presented for Children's Conformation Hunters and the winner was Nancy Dey, from the London Hunt Branch of the Pony Club with her Thoroughbred mare Nalleen. J. Cusack's nice mare So Charming from Weston was 2nd.

Ponies

The future for riding ponies of hunter type seems assured at the Royal. Only in recent years has anything been provided for this type of pony and the quality of entries this year was outstanding.

Winner of the Chairman's Challenge Trophy for large ponies under saddle was the English import, Covertsider, owned and ridden by Penelope Lamarque, of the Ottawa Valley Branch of the Pony Club.



Gretton Sunlight, owned by Ardmore Stud, King, Ontario, shown by D. G. Rockwell, was the Grand Champion Welsh Pony at the Royal Winter Fair, Toronto, Canada. He also won the Welsh Pony and Cob Society Perpetual Challenge Trophy, presented by the Royal Welsh Agriculture Society, Wales, for the second straight year. (Canada Pictures Limited)

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Second place went to another lovely import, this one a grey part-Arab from Ireland, Kismet, owned and ridden by Sarah Band, Toronto.

Yet another import won the British National Pony Society Medal for small ponies under saddle. This was the smart little registered Welsh gelding Revel Barley Wine, owned by Mrs. C. A. Atkinson, Mrs. K. G. Nichold's good looking, good mannered Jewel Tone was 2nd.

The large working hunter pony went to Charles Stevenson from Buffalo for his Muchacho - a good bay gelding who has enjoyed previous success at the Royal. Elizabeth Fuller, London, Ontario, was second on Happy.

For the second year small Roger Faulkner, London, Ont., won the small working hunter pony on his black mare Royal Lady (called Cindy last year) and a Canadian-bred Exmoor pony, Sandy, owned by Mrs. E. A. Seigrist, Todmorden, put in a steady, mannerly round to get second.

The children's harness and saddle pony class entries could afford more manners and suitability to youngsters, but now that these have been included in the Junior Division, which excludes entries exhibited in the open classes of the show, the future should see real children's ponies coming to the fore.

The Welsh Pony and Cob Society's perpetual challenge trophy for the best Welsh pony shown in hand at the Royal Winter Fair, was won by Ardmore Stud's Gretton Sunlight for the second consecutive year. This trophy, a handsome silver plaque on a large shield, was presented for annual competition by the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society, Wales. Campbell Moodie, London, England, a member of the Welsh Pony and Cob Society Council and judge of Welsh ponies at the Royal, made the presentation on behalf of the Society to Mrs. D. G. Rockwell who showed Gretton Sunlight to the Grand Championship. Reserve Champion was Coed Coch Gwrgan, winner of the stallion class for Howard Black, Maltin, Ontario.

No young stock classes for Welsh have as yet been provided by the Royal, there being an open age stallion class and an open age mare class with the two top placing ponies in each competing for the championship. Competition was strong with eleven competing in the stallion class and twelve in the mare class.

Coed Coch Gwrgan, dark grey by Coed Coch Madog - Coed Coch Gwawn, went to the top of the stallions as he had done last year. A palomino, Golden Light, with no breeding given, placed second for Hugh Stewart, Port Hope, Ontario.

Gretton Sunlight, by Bowdler Blue Boy out of Gretton Sunshine, won the mare class for Ardmore Stud, King, Ontario. A two-year-old filly was next in line - Howard Black's chestnut Coed Coch Charman by Coed Coch Madog.

Special honour was done Welsh Ponies by the Royal when the Champion, Gretton



Sunlight and Reserve, Coed Coch Gwrgan were given a chance to parade in an individual spotlight before the packed house of the horse show on closing night. The Welsh Ponies were well received.

CORRESPONDENT: Broadview.

PLACE: Toronto, Can.

TIME: Nov. 21.

JUDGE: Peter Wolfe-Taylor, Campbell Moodie.

WELSH CH: Gretton Sunlight, Ardmore Stud.

RES: Coed Coch Gwrgan, Howard Black.

SUMMARIES:

Hunter pony, 11-13 hands - 1. Revel Barley Wine, Mrs. C. A. Atkinson; 2. Jewel Tone, Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Nicholds; 3. Powerhouse, Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Nicholds; 4. Cheekie, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Mackay; 5. Silver Dollar, Celia K. Chassels.

Working hunter pony, 13 hands & under - 1. Royal Lady, Roger Faulkner; 2. Sandy, Mrs. E. A. Siegrist; 3. Silver Dollar, Celia K. Chassels; 4. Revel Barley Wine, 5. Jewel Tone.

Working hunter pony 13-14.2 - 1. Muchacho, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Stevenson; 2. Happy, Elizabeth Fuller; 3. Dixie Boy, J. Cusack; 4. Copper Coin, Wendy Thompson; 5. The Gentleman, Hoods Stables.

Junior working hunter - 1. S'me Fair, Donald S. Umphrey; 2. Donna, Dr. J. G. Holbrook; 3. Cinderella, Esther Peacheay; 4. Silver Belle, M. Jayne De Lorenzo; 5. Copper Belle, M. Jayne De Lorenzo.

Hunter pony, 13-14.2 - 1. Coverside, Penelope Lamargue; 2. Kismet, Sarah A. Band; 3. Leprechaun, Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Nicholds; 4. Joey, G. Oliver; 5. Lee of Daviburn, Betty Rae.

Welsh stallions - 1. Coed Coch Gwrgan, Howard F. Black; 2. Golden Light, Hugh Stewart; 3. Coed Coch Sulwyn; 4. Etrick Hero, N. D. Hogg; 5. Staunton Hill Barnacle Bill, Staunton Hill Stable.

Welsh mares - 1. Gretton Sunlight, Ardmore Stud; 2. Coed Coch Charnmain, Howard F. Black; 3. Ardmore Airborne, Mrs. D. G. Rockwell; 4. Carcwn Shan, Hugh Stewart; 5. Clan Honey, N. D. Hogg.

Junior conformation hunter - 1. Nalleen, Neely Dey; 2. So Charming, J. Cusack; 3. Indian Sunrise, Mrs. M. Hopkins; 4. Night Session, Ambergate Farm; 5. Kona Wind, J. J. Fitzgibbon, Jr.

Child's riding pony, 11 hands & under - 1. Champ, Tommy Webster; 2. Dickson's Little Hula, Dickson's Pony Farm; 3. Kim, John Hostswater; 4. Cindy, Fred G. Jones; 5. Dimes Dr. Wm. C. Bovard.

Junior jumpers - 1. Roan Lady, Renee Brown; 2. Icy Calm, Abel J. Batarache; 3. (tied) Snofair, Rob Roy, Dr. J. G. Holbrook, Sir Lancelot, J. Cusack; 4. (tied) Riviera Miss, Howard Poole, Black Ace, Hoods Stables, Captain Briar, Georgia-Ann Riddell, Nalleen, Raffles III, Gray Hall-Hollland.

Junior hunt teams - 1. Entry, Mary G. Carswell; 2. Entry, Dr. J. G. Holbrook; 3. Entry, D. Brown; 4. Entry, London Hunt, Nancy Dey; 5. Entry, Louise Thompson.

Cahaba Pony Club

The Cahaba Pony Club held its second annual fall rally at Mede Cahaba Stables Nov. 7th. Four Cahaba teams and one from Montgomery competed in five events - dressage, cross country (a three mile course), a written test on horsemanship, horse care and hunting, and stadium jumping. All during the day the contestants were judged on stable management by a team of five experienced pony club mem-

bers. Mrs. Fred Schell of Auburn was the judge. The cross country was managed by Johnny Goldschmid assisted by Tony Morganthau and Warner Shook, all members of the Birmingham Pony Club. (Canada Pictures Limited)

The Reserve Champion was the Cahaba Blue with Patsy Morrison, Gary Foreman, Stewart Dudley and Diana Barrett with Jean Goddard as helper. Third place went to Montgomery with Jackie Smith, Pat Ingram, Mary Ethel Williamson and Martha Brewer. Fourth place was won by the Cahaba Pink team with Mike Foreman, Jeanne Cox, Josephine Simpson and Dorothy Beeler.

The highest individual dressage score was made by Jeanne Cox.

On Sunday three Cahaba teams held a mounted games competition, and played such British inspired games as the Anti-litter Campaign - picking up trash on sticks and placing it in containers, and Uncle Tom Cobley Stakes - two on a horse bareback carrying what the rules described as a "pint pot". The simplest event was a relay bending race. The champion team was Cahaba Purple with Gary Foreman, Nancy Reeves, Stewart Dudley and Ann Perryman. Reserve Champions were Carol DeArman, Dennis Murphy, Mike Foreman and Jeanne Cox. In third place were Mo Simpson, Josephine Simpson, Patsy Morrison and Diana Barrett. The games were announced by Mr. Foreman, Dr. Rhodes Johnston and Mr. Robert Ozell served as judges.



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A Children's Day Hunt With The Millbrook Hounds

Thanksgiving Day dawned clear and cold, with a nip in the wind which made those shivering at the meet (at Arthur Johnson's "Two Farms") hope for a quick find with a fast gallop to start the circulation and get their horses' backs down.

For the first time a Children's Day was being tried by the Millbrook Hunt, and Dr. and Mrs. Yale Kneelands' youngest daughter, Ann, had been invited to act as MFH. Lots were drawn to see which three other juniors were to ride with the three whippers-in, and the lucky ones were Sibley Ann Auchincloss, Wendy Berol, and Harriet Matthews, who immediately attached themselves to Elias Chadwell, Stanley Money, and Anne Wing respectively. The Joint MFHs were theoretically enjoying a day off, but Cornelia Bontecou was well occupied with four (of her fifteen) grandchildren who were clustered around her on ponies ready to go hunting, while Margaret Peabody (the other joint MFH, whose twelve grandchildren were scattered from Texas to Vermont) was equally occupied rounding up the young, and prepared to watch for the closing of gates, and the replacement of lowered barways and broken rails.



Thanksgiving Day was children's day with the Millbrook Hunt - Mrs. Frederick H. Bontecou, Joint M.F.H. with her family (l. to r.): Mrs. F. H. Bontecou, Jr.; Pamela Bontecou; Katherine Bontecou; Mrs. F. H. Bontecou; Mrs. Clive L. Du Val; Clive L. Du Val III; and Susan Lyne Du Val.

The juniors, of which there were 23 in a field of 54, were to ride up front, for, as Herman Place (the President of the Millbrook Hunt) said in a speech to the assembled throng - this was Thanksgiving Day and an opportunity to show how thankful we older ones were to have so many young people take an interest in the great sport of fox hunting. Therefore it was their day to take over the field while the seniors rode in the rear.

These remarks from the President

drew black looks from a few of the hard riding male first fighters who obviously saw themselves being hung up by tumbling children and loose ponies. (Note: Six hours later, when hounds were stopped because they were running out of their country, who was still there? Out of the 54 at the meet, only 10 remained, and of these 10 six were juniors, all female!)

The first draw was Johnson's Wood, where a fox was jumped so quickly that the hounds were away in full cry before the last of the field had even entered the covert. They raced west through Hammond's Swamp and, crossing the Mabbettsville Road, turned south through some plowed fields which temporarily brought them to their noses. However, they soon picked up the line and were away again with more speed through Carl Newton's and the Haight farm to the Hog Back, where they marked their fox to ground after a brilliant 56 minutes.

By this time horses and ponies were well settled down, while their rider's blood was up, and enthusiasm high. Even the first fighters had to admit the juniors could hold their own.

Next to be drawn was the Stickheap, which proved blank, as did Kenyon's Woods, but out of Young's Swamp bolted a stout red fox which raced south through Kent Leavitt's fields to the top of Half Moon Hill. Here he turned north, making a big loop through the Flat Woods, and then headed south again through the Leavitts', where scent was burning and hounds hunted with great drive and beautiful music. The second time he reached Half Moon Hill, he plunged down through Husteds' Swamp and, crossing the Shunpike, flew through Hunt McLane's lovely pasture land and Johnson's Wood (where the first fox had been found) on to the Hog Back.

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point and turned north again. This was about 4 miles from Young's Swamp as the crow flies, but many more as hounds run.

Next he pointed his mask due north over practically the same line - the Windmill Field, Hog Back, Johnson's Wood, the McLane's farm, Husteds' Swamp, over Half Moon Hill to Clay Hill, where the field had their first real breath-er. Hounds checked on a rocky ledge where a man was waiting for a shot at a buck. He told the huntsman, Earl Chadwell, that he had viewed the fox, so Earl let his hounds work it out, and in a few minutes, farther down the hill came a glad cry from Ruth. She was immediately honored by the pack, and off they flew again.

They crossed the road into West Clay Hill and ran down the Lanny Ross gulley, where the glorious music echoed against the steep hillside, and on through the gulley to Jimmy Cagney's farm, where it was good to find that his Highland cattle had not fouled the line. Scent improved on the grass, and hounds flew on towards the Bangall Road where it was hoped the fox would turn back, for to cross the road heading north at this late hour would mean getting too far out of the country. At the edge of the road hounds faltered, but only for an instant, then started to cross, so it was regretfully decided to stop them. They had been running the same fox for nearly three hours and darkness was falling, but when they were stopped all ten couple were on, although deer had crossed the line several times. It was estimated they had run approximately 18 miles. Although all 10 of the field who finished were sorry such a stout hearted fox could not be accounted for, and the huntsman particularly so, they were equally pleased that he was alive to run another day.

Many horses had been out of their stables over eight hours, carrying their riders well through heavy going, in trappy, hilly country and over some stiff fences, and deserved the extra Thanksgiving mash which would be waiting for them. The hounds, too, would come in for their share of rewards, for they had hunted brilliantly and tirelessly and given great sport. The field had been cut down by the loss of those who had to pull out to attend family dinners or who had missed a turn and lost hounds, or who had a fall, or whose horses were unfit, but when the 10 "bitter enders" wended their weary way homeward, they were thankful that they had been out on one of the great days with the Millbrook Hunt.

WELSH MOUNTAIN PONIES AT THE NATIONAL HORSE SHOW

It was most interesting that the British Children's Team which competed against an American Team on ponies not over 13 hands, all were mounted on Welsh Mountain Ponies - "Pendock Porter", "Trefesgob Lagus", "Coed Coch Pryderi" and "Coed Coch Llewydrew."

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Sixty-six children attended; the weather was perfect and Mrs. Shotter's place is ideal for such an affair.

Mrs. T. V. W. Cushny, the District Commissioner, and the members of the Executive Committee who helped to manage the Gymkhana were greatly impressed with the enthusiasm, graciousness, good sportsmanship and good manners of the contestants and felt that it was well worth the time and effort spent. E.C.

L.I. P.H.A. JR. JUMPER AWARD

The Long Island Chapter of the P.H.A. for the past several years has sponsored a junior jumper class, points from which have counted towards a yearly award. This year the class was held in 17 (A.H.S.A.) shows. At a buffet supper held at the Smithtown Riding and Tennis Club, Saturday, November 14, the champion trophy was presented to 10-year-old Ira Wisenfeld, who rode Wisefield's Jewelers' The Gem to a season's total of 58 points. The Gem had a successful open jumper career as Why Daddy, before going on to New York Military Academy and then to the Wisenfelds. Reserve with 40 points was Philip Bonacorsa's Continental Lady. Tanbark

Meadow Brook Hunt Pony Club

The Meadow Brook Hunt Pony Club held a Gymkhana on Sunday, October 18th on the estate of Mrs. Marion T. Shotter. There were events for C's and D's and for a dismounted group. Prizes of candy bars were awarded to the winner of each event and a trophy for the championship of each division awarded on points.

Mrs. Shotter loaned three of her ponies for the dismounted group to use for such events as braiding manes, saddling, bridling, mounting, dismounting and leading over small obstacles and was very much amused at seeing her small ponies, that had never even seen a jump, being led over crossed poles. It was quite a shock to the ponies at first, but they soon learned and then seemed to enjoy it as much as the children.

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The only way your Committee can see to meet the growing cost of operating the Stud Book is to make a charge for registration

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of hounds. This conclusion was arrived at with great reluctance for your Committee fully realize that the problems of increasing operating costs is one which faces all of the Hunts today. It is the sincere hope of your Committee that the reason for the following action will be understood and appreciated:

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Under this program the revenue received from registration of hounds should take care of current operating costs and possibly might provide some surplus. If there should be a surplus your Committee plan to put it toward meeting part of the costs for publishing Volume X of the Stud Book.

Some Hunts have already sent in their data for 1959 hound entries for registration. Statements for cost of such registrations will be forwarded to these Hunts within a short time.

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Birthday Greetings

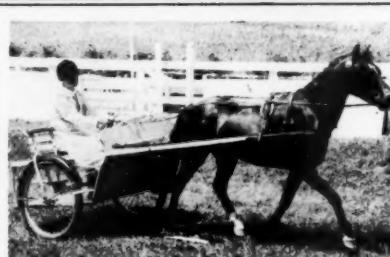
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sional Championship Tournament' at Bostwick Field. Polo never has differentiated between amateur and professional players and Pete, logically, thought a pro tournament would be popular but many of the Meadow Brook Old Guard squawked. Anyway, there were difficulties and the thing quietly died. When L. M. Bernard, who operates a large Chicago auto agency and plays at the Arlington Polo Club out there, offered Carroll a job as a salesman he jumped at the chance and went west.

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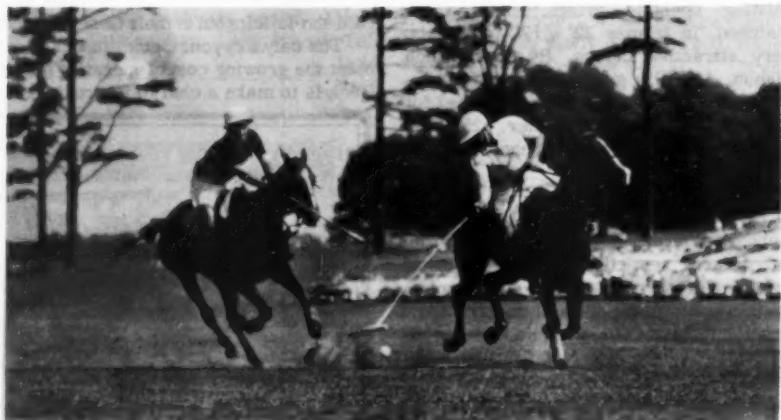
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"The best known horse he has trained up to now is Better Bee, owned by Miller and a winner of over \$250,000 and who beat Round Table earlier this year."

THERE'S POLO IN KARACHI

Though our President doesn't seem to get round to endorsing polo by his attendance in this country, according to WWL - CBS, 7 am. on this 3rd day of this last month, he is due to meet with the brass of Pakistan - "On the polo field at Karachi." Maybe our golfing top man is turning his eye to this sport that has always been among the leaders in the world of sport, with horses. Can it be true? Hope he has a good polo man to explain what's going on! It's a long way to go to get initiated, if there's a game staged for the occasion. DH



Norm Taylor attempts to hook Everett King, Sr. in Yale Princeton benefit match last September during the past season at Brandywine Polo Club, near Kennett Square, Pa. (Ray Harper Photo)

Grand Prix Dressage

A Means or an End?

Erich Glahn

Part II

These views are not original with me, but are those of the old masters, the founders of the school of classical equitation. We call the school classical because its principles, developed over several hundred years, are based on close observation of the laws of nature. The interesting thing now, however, is that the ability to negotiate a few jumps, which only a few years ago was considered a necessary and basic requirement, is today being called "absurd."

What is the reason for this about face, this radical change in outlook? Does Waldemar Seunig perhaps give us the answer to this puzzle in his most recent book? In it he observes that in the French Cavalry School at Saumur, whose policies rank highly with the FEI, hunting is not officially practiced! The chairman of the German Dressage Judges' Association has answered this question still more directly and bluntly, saying that dressage riders reject jumping their Grand Prix horses because they are afraid to do so.

When Sarasin says: "Dressage is an end in itself, done purely to win a certain competition," I reply: of course, once entered in a competition, a rider rides to win, even if the nature of the test compels him to follow practices that are damaging to his horse. But is it not the duty of our leaders to show us the right way to true harmony between rider and horse, through proper formulation of tests and through wise, constructive judging? Is it not food for thought when we find that a country like Germany, where dressage has been practiced for a long, long time, has today so few horses of Grand Prix caliber that one dares not send them over modest jumps for fear they might get hurt?

Circus Tricks

Instead of producing harder, better performing horses whose legs and tendons last longer, because of rational, gymnastic exercises, the circus type art nowadays required in the higher grade of dressage tests have compelled riders to wrap their horses in cotton and coddle them. That is exactly where dressage, treated as an end in itself, has led us. But it has done still more - it has narrowed the circle of competitors, and it has made it most difficult and even unattractive for countries new in this field to enter it.

Just the opposite should be done. Ways and means should be found to demonstrate to those countries the real purpose and meaning of classical equitation as it applies to all forms of riding. With sadness I still remember the picture which the

magnificent Bill Biddle, under his talented rider Major R. J. Borg, made in the Stockholm Games in 1956! Overtrained in circus dressage, tired and weary, he was not the same horse that he had been only a short time before in Dusseldorf where he had competed so successfully. If, on the other hand, the Olympic test had been so formulated as to emphasize the practical side, as in the first Equestrian Olympics of modern times in 1912, the result would have been quite different. Freer moving horses, smoother performances would have made a picture much more pleasing to the eye and would have encouraged many newcomers to emulate what they had seen, instead of frightening them away. Our cry therefore is: dressage, not an end in itself, but a means to an end!

Judges' Responsibilities

Several years ago a distinguished foreign rider won an "S" Dressage Test in Munich. The evening after the test one member of the panel of judges recognized by the FEI asked me if the verdict had met with my approval. I answered "No," and naturally he inquired "Why not?" My reply: "The horse refused the jump twice, took it then without proper use of his back, and landed on all four legs simultaneously!" This fact sufficed to demonstrate clearly the quality of the horse's dressage, showing it up far more clearly and impressively than had 38 changes of lead and a series of tense, floating steps intended to simulate a true passage. The horse was not obedient and was not dependably responsive to the

rider's aids. It jumped without using its back and in all of its gaits it "shuffled", because of improper back action.

The judge confessed that he had paid no attention to the horse's jumping. He had been so busy - counting the number of steps required in the various figures, observing whether the horse was always properly flexed and in position, scoring conscientiously every step and every nod, making sure that the scores were properly entered - that he had not had time to observe the overall picture. He had neither time for this important part of his duty nor did he consider it essential or necessary!

The number of genuinely experienced judges who have received their training in the dressage stables of recognized cavalry schools is declining rapidly all over the world. It is therefore all the more important to provide the new generation of judges with every possible means of reaching with certainty a just and correct verdict. It is not only the judges' job to distribute blue ribbons and to shake the winner's hand! They have the far more important duty to guide and to direct. It is their obligation to act as guardians of this magnificent art through which we get into closest contact with the physical as well as the spiritual powers of the horse, which has been not only man's servant, but his companion and friend through thousands of years. As such, it does not deserve to be degraded and "dressed" in the manner one trains dogs and monkeys. The horse has earned the right to be treated with respect, to have his physical strength and mental powers developed and educated in a natural and logical manner that properly prepares him in every way for his duties as servant and friend. That is the sense and purpose of classical equitation.

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Army Horsemastership Course

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Major George Boon, Riding Master at the R.A.S.C. Horse Transport Company at Aldershot and well known in show jumping circles, once a year runs a horsemastership course for selected officers from all regiments, sponsored by the Army Saddle Clubs Association. The course aims at training officers to the standard required to enable them to run their regimental stables efficiently and to give some instruction in their regiments.

For anyone who is really keen to improve his equitation and horsemastership this course is probably second to none; but one must go prepared to sink one's pride and start right at the beginning, for the first lesson takes place on a wooden dummy horse. However, it is not for beginners.

Nine of us assembled at Aldershot and were introduced first to George Boon and then to the wooden horse. We were taught the army way of cleaning tack, grooming,

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laying bedding, saddling-up and so on, and next day we progressed to the riding school, which was to be our second home for six weeks.

Those who have attended an army riding school will know all about the mysterious evolutions and back-breaking antics which riding masters like to inflict on their pupils. But they might still be surprised at the fine art to which George Boon has developed his "loosening exercises." Nearly all work, and certainly every exercise, was done without stirrups.

Loosening Exercises

The exercise varied from the well-known one of lying back along the horse's croup then bending forward below his withers about 15-20 times, to toe grasping (not touching) with opposite hands. Later, both these exercises were done at the trot. Others at the halt were a back somersault to the ground, having first turned to sit sideways, and a really fiendish one of swivelling, seated, right round the saddle, swinging one's legs over pommel and cantle with gay abandon. The prize occasion was when one animal became restive and started bucking and rearing while the unfortunate rider was facing his tail.

The first week we spent grooming our horses and cleaning our army tack. Both army horses and tack seem to require much more cleaning than one's own. Certainly army issue steel bits and irons seem to be made especially to gather rust. Each evening the tiny tack room almost burst at the seams as nine officers tripped over each other's entanglements of reins and leathers while they desperately tried to put a military shine on some dreadful piece of rusty ironmongery.

Riding school occupied two periods of an hour and a half each day, except for Wednesday afternoon and Saturday, and we had a change of horse about once a week. By the third week dressage movements were being attempted, and both indoor and outdoor jumping without stirrups or reins was a regular feature.

Quit And Cross Work

The foundation of an independent seat and suppleness of body were taught in the Weedon method by much "quit and cross" work, daily jumping without stirrups, and such activities as taking one's jacket off going down a lane of jumps. Horse wrestling, in which two teams of four struggle to cast their opposite numbers to the floor, was a light-hearted but most exhausting pastime, which probably did more to improve one's knee and thigh grip than any other exercise.

The method of cultivating "hands" by not using them was also followed, much of the lane jumping being done with arms either folded or held above the head.

By the fourth week we were receiving instruction in show jumping and were

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Army Course

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being taught how to take charge of others in the course of a ride. More difficult horses were produced, such as the notorious Bogey, who has so perfected his buck that even George Boon has been known to forfeit his shilling to the "rabbit" fund - though he didn't this year. This fund is a form of savings club which provides for a farewell party at the end of the course; 1 shilling for a fall, 6 pence for loss of a hat or stick, or any other minor misdemeanor George can think up.

Other unpleasant animals appeared as well as Bogey, animals which would not ford water without rolling, animals which would bite their riders or chase them round their boxes, animals which we all firmly believed were kept hidden in dark corners and given double feeds of oats throughout the year in special preparation for this course. We could always tell when we were in for some such excitement by the troopers' grins as we assembled in the morning. It was common knowledge that they ran a book on which of us would go into the hospital first.

The fourth week saw us out with the Hampshire Hunt; but it was maddening that the weather limited us to only two days' hunting during the course.

Advanced Training

The fifth and sixth weeks were devoted to more jumping, more dressage, even harder "seat" exercises, and instruction in such circus tricks as vaulting. Vaulting was exciting, often painful, but always hilarious. Horses were bridled and harnessed with a special vaulting pad with a handle on either side behind the withers. Riders were clothed in corduroys and gym shoes.

The actual vaulting exercise is done at the canter; the rider swings his legs backwards bringing them together over the croup, swings his body down and legs forward along the horse's shoulders, drops his feet to the ground about level with the horse's forefeet and, using the speed of the horse to give him spring, vaults back into the saddle (or where the saddle should be - it is done bare-back).

This was also attempted as the horse took a low fence; all highly amusing - to the onlookers - for unless the rider got his timing just right he was liable either to charge the fence, feet first, or to be dragged through it, both of which called for an agonising reappraisal of tactics.

The course was far more than a mere riding course. It covered every aspect of horsemanship and stable management and even included periods in the saddler's shop learning how to make and mend tack.

One morning a week was spent with the vet, and was devoted to lectures and any practical work that was presented at the sick parade. Two periods a week were spent in the forge, and officers were taught how to prepare a foot for shoeing, make

shoes (or at least try to) from both bar iron and old shoes, and to nail on.

We paid an interesting private visit to the Royal Mews at Buckingham Palace. Later we had a talk from Major Tim Pearson on FEI and BSJA Show Jumping rules and course building and, finally, instruction in training for one and three-day horse trials. The course finished in the traditional army way with a written exam, followed by a fairly riotous party.

Six weeks with George Boon is no rest cure, but it is immense fun and of tremendous value. The Army Saddle Club courses are unofficial military courses, and are supposed to count against leave; nevertheless, it is hardly surprising that they are usually heavily over-subscribed. The ground covered and standard reached is unquestionably of a high order.

(Reprinted from "Horse and Hound")

WHITEY ABEL COMES DOWN THE RAMP

The following is from a recent column by Tom O'Reilly in "The Morning Telegraph": - "Some of the elation that creeps up on a man traveling with a horse was displayed to a few hard-working reporters one early morning in Louisville, Ky., when the 'big' horses were arriving for the Kentucky Derby. Out at the freight yard a loading ramp was moved against a car and a man in a blue suit peered out to look the ground over. The suit was not only blue but also a bit shiny. Indeed, it was tastefully decorated on the rear with bits of straw, indicating that the owner had done a bit of napping en route. After looking the ground over, the man in the blue suit made sure several cases of empty beer bottles were out of the way and then turned to lead his horse down the ramp.

"Tell them Calumet and Whitneys to get out of the way," said the man in the blue suit, "because here comes your Derby winner!" The pride, the love and the devotion that went into those words hardly can be imagined.

"The man in the blue suit was 'Whitey' Abel, of Baltimore. The horse was Gramps Image. He was by War Hero. His grampaw was the great Man o' War. Hence the name Gramps Image. This horse constituted 'Whitey's' entire stable. He ran in the name of Mrs. A. J. Abel. He also ran rather well. A few weeks earlier, in the Chesapeake Stakes at Pimlico, Gramps Image had defeated Calumet's Pensive and Bobanet's Gay Bit, among others, to earn for 'Whitey' \$24,700. The picture of Gramps Image hitting the line in front of Pensive was still in the eyes of 'Whitey' as he led the subject of his greatest dreams down that ramp. And right there, observers knew, that as far as 'Whitey' was concerned the Derby was in the bag and the richest millionaire in the club car wasn't half as good company as this clean-cut 3-year-old who slept in a straw-strewn stall.

"It was Pensive and Not Gramps Image when they hung out the Derby winner's

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number that year - 'Whitey's' horse finished exactly in the middle of a field of 16. He ran eighth. But it was obvious to anyone who saw them arrive in Louisville that 'Whitey' had been more than repaid by the wonderful dreams he must have had in that box car. Moreover, after that Chesapeake victory, he wouldn't have been able to live with himself if he had let Pensive go out there and win without showing up."

FOOTBALL AND BLOODSTOCK

Zonn Milam, local Thoroughbred breeder, and associated with Otha Tiner, proprietor of the Nobby Harness Co. Fort Worth, who recently took over the destiny of Bullsenough, three-year-old son of Bulls Eye, staged a "get together" for Thoroughbred and Quarter horsemen, so all horsemen in the Graham, Texas sector could inspect the new Milam-Tiner stallion. Both Milam and Tiner, former football greats, Zonn a standout at SMU and Tiner a stalwart from TCU, were pleased with the large gathering, and quite a number of mares, both Quarter and Thoroughbred, were promised the Bulls Eye stud in 1960. Among the visitors was H. N. (Rusty) Russell, famed football coach, who was at SMU when Milam played there. Russell is best recalled and remembered as coach of the Masons in Fort Worth.

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WINDSWEEP TO CANADA

Miss Elaine Boylen of Toronto, Ont., Canada recently purchased the show mare Windsweep from Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Motch of Cismont Manor Farm, Keswick, Va. Among Windsweep's credits are the working hunter championships at Bailey's Cross Roads (Va.) and Lancaster (Pa.) horse shows plus a number of reserve tri-colors.

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BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY

Frank Flynn, Noted horseman of Boston, Mass., visited Comoco Farm in Tryon, N.C. Mr. Flynn was steward of the Detroit and Washington International Shows. While in Tryon he was called upon to serve in this capacity at the Fox Covert Fairview Farms Colt Show. L.L.L.

GILBERT MATHER MEMORIAL FUND

Friends of the late Gilbert Mather, who died October 23rd, 1959, are establishing a Memorial Fund in his honor at the Chester County Hospital, West Chester, Pa., where he served as a member of the Board of Directors for the last fourteen years and occupied the office of Vice-President at the time of his death. The Directors of the Hospital will decide upon a suitable form of Memorial after consultation with members of Mr. Mather's family.

Members of the Masters of Foxhounds Association of America are invited to join in this movement. Contributions may be made in the name of the Gilbert Mather Memorial Fund and sent to either Mr. Mather's brother-in-law, Senator Thomas P. Harney, Deborah's Rock Farm, R.F.D. #1, West Chester, Pa., or to The Chester County Hospital, West Chester, Pa.

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"The six hounds in the foreground are: Milo '54, Mandy '54, Fleet '55, Bingo '55, Music '57 and Lancer '58."

MOORE COUNTY

A field of 52 members and guests enjoyed Opening Meet with the Moore County Hounds on Thanksgiving Day. Out-of-Town guests in Southern Pines, N. C. for the meet were: Mrs. Christine Lombard, Norfolk Hunt, Mr. George Fonda, Limestone Hunt and Sterling Harris of the Genesee Valley Hunt. Mary Ann Greene, Charlotte and Blowing Rock, Dr. Lucius Gage, Jr., also of Charlotte, LaDonna LaVelle of the University of Kentucky and Miami, May Sweeney, New York City, Mrs. Edward (Joan Walsh) Hogan of Hamilton, Mass., and Mrs. Burke (Kathleen Walsh) Healey, Ponca City, Oklahoma were among those hunting on Thursday and on Saturday, November 28th. There were 21 juniors in the field for Opening Meet, many home for the Holiday and others coming into town just for the Hunt.

P.S.

FINNEY HOSPITALIZED

Humphrey S. Finney, president and general manager of the Fasig-Tipton Sales Company, is in the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Mass., undergoing treatment for a hip condition. Mr. Finney and his son, John, also a member of the company staff, recently returned from the Newmarket December Sales in England.

HORSE MANAGEMENT COURSE

The third annual Horse Management Course, held at Michigan State University in October, was attended by 60 students and 10 professors representing six Middle Western states, the District of Columbia, the States of Washington and Texas and the Island of Cuba. Subjects covered were breeding, horseshoeing, unsoundness and training.



At the Blue Ridge Hunter Pace Event (Millwood, Va.) - Studying the aerial photographs of the territory to determine the best route to two check points just previously announced were (l. to r.) Arthur Farwell, Ex-M.F.H., Tryon Hunt; Harry Sweatt; Howard Gardner, Blue Ridge Huntsman; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Sweatt of Minneapolis who have a 200 acre farm in the Blue Ridge Country; the rider is Catherine Sweatt. (Glaysher Photo)

UNORTHODOX OBSTACLE AT CANADIAN ROYAL

Topper, owned by Hyman Monk, Montreal, Quebec, did the most unorthodox piece of jumping at the Royal Winter Fair with Max Bidner up when he topped the ringside wall at the south end of the arena and downed himself and rider on the concrete promenade. This could have been a fall with dire results, as horse and rider slid across the promenade, ending up against a steel pillar at the base of the boxes and knocking over a bystander en route. The St. John's Ambulance men got there with their stretcher in nothing flat to pickup Bidner's remains, but miraculously neither horse nor rider were hurt, so the St. John's men took over pacifying the downed spectator who, uninjured, was nearly scared to death. Topper lost a bit of his palomino hair but Max Bidner rode another horse later in the class. This happened at a morning session. What good fortune that it didn't occur at night when the promenade would have been packed ten deep with spectators. Broadview

WAR DOES TO VIRGINIA

Steven R. Currier, Brookneal, Va., purchased two War Doe colts last summer from Dr. J. B. Chassels, Brampton - a yearling named Warwick and a two-year-old named Fleetwood. At the Royal Winter Fair these two were shown in the Thoroughbred breeding classes and wound up Junior Champion colt and Junior Reserve Champion colt, the yearling being put over the two-year-old. Broadview

GIMMA N.Y. COMMISSION

Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller has appointed Joseph A. Gimma as a member of the New York State Racing Commission to fill the vacancy following the resignation of William C. Langley.

RONNIE SAKELL

Ronnie Sakell, well-known horse show exhibitor throughout Maryland and Virginia, has recently accepted the position of manager of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick L. DiVecchia's newly opened Greendale Stables in South Salem, New York. Ronnie will also be assisting Mr. DiVecchia with the riding in the coming 1960 show season.

P.L.K.

COLLINS-EVANS

Ann Collins, the well-known horse painter, and Larry Evans, manager of Charley Sabatini's Chasmar Stud Farm, Spring Lake, N. J., were recently married in New York City.

LORD MAYOR SUPPORTS FOXHUNTING

Sir Edmund Stockdale, the new Lord Mayor of London, is a firm supporter of foxhunting. Featured in the parade of the Lord Mayor's Annual Show were hunt servants in full regalia from 22 Hunts, including such packs as the Duke of Beaufort's, the Heythrop, the Cottesmore, the Quorn and the Whaddon Chase. When some of the anti-blood sport societies protested, Sir Edmund replied "Hunting, shooting and fishing are part of the British way of life. Should the day ever come when the pink coat is no longer seen in the countryside, that would be a very sad day for England."

TRA DIRECTORS

Recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Thoroughbred Racing Associations were John S. Letellier, president of the Fair Grounds in New Orleans, Louis Smith, vice president and executive director of Rockingham Park in New Hampshire, and Donald Smith, president of Del Mar, in California.

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CINNIE ADAMS

Cinnie (Mrs. Dooley) Adams of Southern Pines, North Carolina came a cropper during the Opening Meet of the Moore County Hounds on Thanksgiving Day. Cinnie's many friends will be glad to hear she's home from the hospital, progressing nicely, though still sore. Can't keep this ardent horsewoman on the ground long!

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